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MEMBERS OF THE NIC FAMILY

Patty and I both wish to thank you for your strong support and warm friendship over the past year. Special thanks are due for your special send off as we get ready to depart for a still unannounced but well known assignment within the Intelligence Community. We all knew it was coming for some time, but delays in announcing the moves on which mine depended made what already seemed too short of a time even shorter.

Thank you all for the kind words, for the signed picture, which will hang in a place of honor, and for the Chairman's Daily Brief, which truly captured the spirit of the place. Spirit is what you all have in abundance--an independent spirit working for a common cause with uncommon capability, integrity, and dedication. Your reputation and your impact throughout the intelligence and policy communities attest to the excellence of your efforts.

I have compared the Chairman, NIC, position to that of dean of faculty with all that goes with that analogy. You have made my tenure in this position very special; every member in every position has helped to make this "faculty" the best I have seen anywhere. Patty and I wish you and yours all the best as we go off into a new adventure, in which we will still have the opportunity to work closely together. I am pleased that this will be the case, and look forward to the continued association.

With the greatest respect,
and warmest regards,


Barry Horton