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National Intelligence Council

Mr. James Culpepper
Deputy Assistant Secretary for
Security Affairs
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Dear Jim,

David Low and I were very sorry not to have seen you before we left the conference, but we both want to express how deeply appreciative we are of the opportunity to participate. We both attend too many conferences and symposiums, most of which are of marginal utility. However, this time you really hit the mark for both of us, and for the intelligence and operational communities. We both strongly urge that you continue to sponsor such forums to facilitate the understanding on both sides of the street.

We would like to suggest a meeting with you and perhaps Julio Torres in the not-too-distant future to discuss several actions which we would like to undertake.

--Consideration of a National Intelligence Estimate along the lines to the Warning Estimates which consider not just the threat but our capabilities to warn.

--Discussion of community efforts in the sensor business and the need for national-level involvement.

--Direct involvement of DOE with the Conference of Operations and Watch Centers to work issues of training, procedures and crisis management.

If you agree, please work with my secretary, to schedule a time and place.

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Again, you all did a great job - Brant Jones should be particularly commended. Look forward to our continued interaction.

Sincerely,



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