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Dear Ms. Shreve:

Thank you for your letter of January 29th, and for the opportunity to contribute to the annual convention issue of "Signal" magazine. Please find enclosed a short statement and photograph, as you requested.

Many thanks again for thinking of me.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Stansfield Turner

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I am very pleased once again to have an opportunity to make brief comments in the annual AFCEA convention issue of SIGNAL magazine. As I noted last year, the Intelligence Community has ever increasing reliance on communications and data processing systems. These growing demands have been in the past and continue even more so to be fueled by the increasingly volatile international scene.

In the last several years, we have placed increasing emphasis on intelligence support to U.S. military forces. Some of our strategic intelligence systems have direct application to the military theater and even tactical intelligence requirements. Such applications again bring to the fore the need for effective communications and associated processing systems. This past year has seen significant progress on these matters including enhanced and direct interactions between key personnel in the Intelligence Community and senior officers in the various U&S Commands.

Our strategic intelligence capabilities are truly impressive. Achieving these capabilities would not have been possible without the closest possible support from the military services and the industrial sector. Our ability to meet the challenges of the future will depend even more critically on maintaining and enhancing the understandings and the support, both within the military command structures and the industrial sector.

In order to accomplish our future goals we will be compelled to develop innovative strategies which will balance our technical collection activities involving electronics and computers, and our capability to communicate reliably over great distances and in a wide variety of ways. It is vital that these two important endeavors complement and enhance each other.

In the period ahead we will not only continue our efforts in the traditional strategic military intelligence arena, but we will also increase our attention to significant global concerns affecting our

relations with all nations in such areas as economics, food resources, energy, population growth, narcotics, international terrorism, technology transfer and a host of other important topics. Such a breadth of intelligence interests will strain our desire for fiscal restraint and challenge us to find new and novel solutions.

Our reliance on systems and equipment produced by companies associated with AFCEA is ever increasing and is vital to our effectiveness. Continued close working relationships with the Air Force as well as other elements of the Defense Department are of critical importance. We value this teamwork and support very highly and will continue to depend on them to meet the challenges of the future.

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