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THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

17 July 2003

The Honorable Jane Harman
Ranking Democratic Member
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mrs. Harman:

Pursuant to Section 17 of the CIA Act, I am notifying you, within the seven day period set forth in the statute, that I have been informed by the CIA Inspector General of a particularly serious problem.

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Sincerely,

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George J. Tenet

cc: Inspector General
General Counsel

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Chairman
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Chairman
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United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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The Honorable John D. Rockefeller IV
Vice Chairman
Select Committee on Intelligence
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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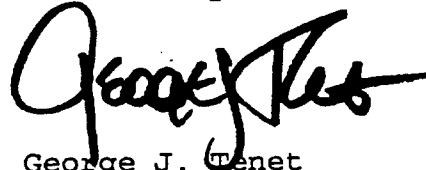
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