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The Vice President Richard B. Cheney
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Vice President:

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In response to that directive, we are pleased to report our findings and recommendations to you. An identical letter has been sent to the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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