THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: SAMUEL BERGER for Kenneth

SUBJECT: National Security Medal for NSA Director Minihan

Purpose

To secure your approval to award the National Security Medal to retiring National Security Agency Director Ken Minihan.

Background

George Tenet has nominated Lieutenant General Minihan to receive the National Security Medal.

During his 32-year military career, General Minihan has made a number of important contributions to our nation's security. As Director of NSA, he has worked tirelessly to ensure that our technical intelligence capabilities keep pace with a world that is changing rapidly both technologically and in terms of our security interests. His vision has been particularly instrumental in meeting the new challenges of the Information Age, specifically by developing new approaches for assuring the integrity of key national infrastructures. General Minihan retires this month.

RECOMMENDATION

That you approve the nomination of Lieutenant General Kenneth Minihan to receive the National Security Medal.

Approve ✓ _____

Disapprove _____

Attachment
Tab A Nomination Justification

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

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