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Lt. General Gordon A Blake, USAF
Director, National Security Agency
Fort Meade, Maryland

Dear General Blake:

I have noted with great pride and satisfaction the outstanding performance of U.S. SIGINT units in connection with recent events in the Gulf of Tonkin. I wish, therefore, on behalf of the Secretary of Defense and myself, to express the deep appreciation of the Department of Defense for a job well done.

Please convey our gratitude and congratulations to the personnel of the National Security Agency and the Service Cryptologic Agencies for the vigilance and skill which they have once again demonstrated so clearly. In particular, I wish to commend the officers and men of the SIGINT units in Southeast Asia for their great contribution to the protection of U.S. lives, property and interests in that area.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Cyrus R Vance

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