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Dear Mr. Secretary:

The HSAC has been diligently working on a host of issues since our last meeting. We are submitting two reports to you via this letter. These findings and recommendations focus on state intelligence fusion centers and specific NSPD-41 / HSPD-13 implementation plans.

The HSAC currently has four Task Forces underway: Private Sector Information Sharing; Critical Infrastructure Reliability; Preventing Weapons of Mass Effect from Entering the United States (creating a Defense-In-Depth architecture); and Intelligence and Information Sharing with State, local and tribal governments. In addition, we are contributing to a working group on the Homeland Security Advisory System.

On behalf of the HSAC membership, we thank you for the opportunity to contribute to the security of the Nation. The HSAC stands ready to assist the Department in its effort to review and implement any of the attached recommendations.

If you require additional information regarding the two attached reports, please do not hesitate to let us know. We stand ready to support you.

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- Attachment:
- (1) Report on Homeland Security Intelligence and Information Fusion
  - (2) Report on the Implementation Plans for Maritime Transportation Security, Maritime Commerce Security and Maritime Infrastructure Recovery