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The Honorable Bob Graham Chairman, Select Committee on Intelligence United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Accompanying this letter is the Interim Report of the Interagency Task Force on Unauthorized Disclosures of Classified Information. This report was submitted recently to the Attorney General by Associate Deputy Attorney General Patrick B. Murray, the Task Force's Chairman.

As you know, Section 310 of the "Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2002" (P.L. 107-108) directed the Attorney General, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, Secretary of State, Secretary of Energy, Director of Central Intelligence, and other agency heads as appropriate, to "carry out a comprehensive review of current protections against the unauthorized disclosure of classified information." This review is to include a review of current criminal and civil statutes and administrative regulations to detect such unauthorized disclosures and to sanction those responsible for engaging in such practice. Pursuant to Section 310, the Attorney General is to provide to Congress a report on the findings of this interagency review not later than May 1, 2002. I am forwarding a copy of this Interim Report consistent with my December 14, 2001 letter to you, in which I indicated that the Department planned to keep you informed of the Task Force's activities in anticipation of release of its final report in May.

If you or your staff have any questions or if I may be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to let me know. Similar letters and a copy of the Interim Report are being sent to the Vice Chairman of your Committee and the Chairs and Ranking Members of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Senate Judiciary Committee, and House Judiciary Committee.

Sincerely,

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