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*The following message by Director of National Intelligence Dennis C. Blair was sent to employees of the United States Intelligence Community regarding Thanksgiving:*

Dear Colleagues:

Whatever our nations of origin, ethnicities, or religious affiliations, Thanksgiving belongs to all of us. It is our moment to stop, break bread with family and friends, and, in the midst of whatever challenges we are facing, reflect on what is right and good in our lives.

As intelligence professionals, we feel an added incentive to think about and give thanks to those Americans who cannot stop what they are doing on Thanksgiving Day; whose duty to country has them standing watch, responding to threats, and assisting those in need here at home and around the world.

They will be in our thoughts, and you will be in mine. I could not be more thankful for the privilege of working with such a dedicated and caring community of professionals. Every day, you perform honorably and skillfully, contributing to our mission and building the finest Intelligence Community in the world – one that is truly greater than the sum of its parts. I am grateful for your service and wish you and all your family and friends a safe and peaceful holiday.

Dennis C. Blair