

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 29, 2007

Dear Mr. Snider:

I would like to invite you and the other members of the Public Interest Declassification Board to meet with me at the White House to discuss the Board, its responsibilities, and areas of current and planned future activity.

We appreciate your referral of the declassification request by the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence and understand the Board's interest in pursuing this matter, as noted in your letter of January 16, 2007. My response here does not, of course, constitute the Presidential approval that would be required before the Board could proceed under its statutory charter (the Public Interest Declassification Act of 2000, as amended by the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004). It does, however, reflect the importance the Administration places on obtaining your views directly as we continue our active deliberations on this issue.

Please contact the NSC Records and Access Management Directorate at [REDACTED] to arrange a suitable meeting time.

Sincerely,



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