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Dear Dr. Condon:

First of all let me thank you for your kind gesture in sending me one of the original copies of your report. I have just finished reading your report, in its entirety; and I am very pleased and most happy with your conclusions and recommendations. All of the comments which I have received from my contacts in the Pentagon and associated agencies have been most favorable. Everyone in our organization who has read your report has been impressed. Dr. Cacioppo believes that your report will go down as a classic. I hope that our policy leaders in Washington will implement your recommendations in the near future. My recommendations to the powers that be will be almost identical to yours.

As you probably already know, critics of your report are in the minority; however, they do manage to receive more than their share of communications media space. NICAP is of course lobbying for a congressional investigation; however, I doubt that they have very many friends left in Congress. McDonald and Hynek, in their devious ways, are of course talking against your report. I would have been disappointed if they had accepted your report, your conclusions and recommendations. I am not the least bit worried about these gentlemen because I cannot find any worthwhile contributions, which they have made, to science in their fields of endeavor.

At this time, I would personally like to thank you for having accepted a difficult and emotional task when most of us in the business felt that it was impossible for you to come out the winner. However, you have come out a winner and you have performed a patriotic duty which few men in the scientific community were willing to undertake. For that reason,

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in my eyes, you are eight feet tall. I consider it my good fortune and an honor to have personally been associated with you. Let us hope that in the future the lunatic fringe will let you rest so that you can go back to your primary loves and endeavors.

As new developments occur within the next few weeks, I will do my utmost to keep you informed.

Sincerely,


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