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Honorable Dan Burton
Committee on Government Reform
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-6149

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This responds to the request from Subcommittee Chairman Christopher Shays for the August 2000 Report in Support of the National Missile Defense Deployment Readiness Review as prepared by the former Director, Operational Test and Evaluation, Mr. Philip Coyle.

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Sincerely,

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