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Dear Mr. President:

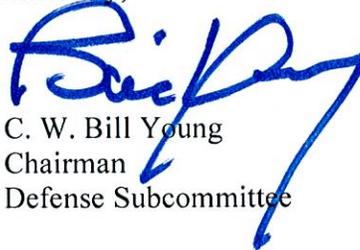
Two months ago I was one of several members of Congress who sent you a letter regarding the potential illegal disclosure of classified information to the media. I write separately to you today because of the continued media reports that appear to reveal the most sensitive classified information.

While not commenting on the truth behind these reports, nor confirming or denying the existence of such information, the potential for further disclosures is most troubling. Leaks of this nature can greatly jeopardize the safety and security of our men and women, our friends and allies, and greatly hamper our ability to carry out intelligence activities around the world.

I have been involved in oversight of some of the nation's most sensitive programs and activities for more than 40 years and have never once leaked information. Indeed, if I had I would have been subject to criminal prosecution, ethics investigations, and potentially the loss of my chairmanship.

Mr. President, only you can put a stop to these dangerous actions. The most sensitive intelligence activities conducted by the government fall under the purview of the National Security Council; they are charged with controlling and protecting access to these programs and activities. It would be appreciated if you would help me understand what actions you have taken at all levels to address these disclosures.

Sincerely,



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