

September 26, 2006

The Honorable George W. Bush
President of the United States
The White House
Washington D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

It is vitally important that the administration declassify and release the 2006 National Intelligence Estimate (NIE) that has been the subject of many misleading or inaccurate press reports. Unauthorized and illegal leaks regarding information contained within the NEI are being manipulated by some to their political advantage. This cannot be allowed.

Americans deserves to know the truth regarding our current war on terror and this can only be achieved by declassifying and releasing the NIE. I agree with Senate Select Committee on Intelligence Chairman Pat Roberts that it is essential that the report be made public so the American people can draw their own conclusions regarding our efforts in the war on terror.

The war on terror is the most important crisis facing America since World War II and our efforts cannot be undermined by selective and misleading leaks. That is why it is imperative that the NIE be made public so that the American public may learn the truth about our historic battle against terror.

Sincerely,

John Shadegg
Member of Congress