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Dear Jessica:

As your year on the National Security Council staff draws to a close, let me thank you for your service in the Directorate for Russian, Ukrainian and Eurasian Affairs.

Your work had a real impact as we came to grips with the problem of the potential leakage of nuclear material from the former Soviet Union -- both in focusing our cooperative efforts at securing the material at the source and in devising mechanisms to enable the U.S. Government to respond quickly to reported cases of nuclear smuggling.

I am also grateful for your work on Russian gun imports. It was a tough issue, showing no regard for neat divisions between domestic and foreign policy concerns and regularly producing deadlock. Your persistence drove the interagency process to focus on the right options for the President's review and subsequent decision.

Finally, I want to note your role as challenger of the conventional wisdom. Your willingness to take a fresh look at the assumptions that guide our policy is much appreciated.

Your many friends and colleagues at the NSC will greatly miss you. Best of luck at the Hoover Institution.

Sincerely,

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