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Honorable Robert Stump
Chairman, Committee on
Armed Services
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-6035

Dear Mr. Chairman:

In accordance with Section 1308 of the Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2001 (Public Law 106-398), as amended by Sections 1307 and 1309 of the NDAA for FY 2002 (Public Law 107-107), I am transmitting the Department's Report to Congress on Activities and Assistance under Cooperative Threat Reduction (CTR) Programs. The legislation directed a consolidation of information previously submitted as separate reports into a single report on CTR activities and assistance during the preceding fiscal year and the five-year plan for the following years. Submission of this report, combined with submission of the FY 2002 *Cooperative Threat Reduction Annual Report to Congress* on September 3, 2002, satisfies the requirements of Section 1303 of the FY 2003 NDAA.

This report details how assistance provided to the recipient states of the former Soviet Union under the CTR Program was accounted for and judged to have been used for its intended purposes. The few exceptions are noted in the report, and are being pursued to resolution. The Department continues to be confident that CTR assistance is serving its intended purpose as an important element of our national security policy. Classified annexes relating to intelligence and Russia's tactical nuclear weapons arsenal, required by Section 1308, will be provided under separate cover.

In addition to sending a similar letter to Chairman Levin, letters are being sent to the President of the Senate, Speaker of the House and the Chairmen and Ranking Members of the Committees on Appropriations, Foreign Relations, and International Relations, and the Subcommittees on Defense of the Senate and House Appropriations Committees.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. D. Crouch, II".

J. D. Crouch, II

Enclosure: As stated

cc:

Honorable Ike Skelton
Ranking Republican

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