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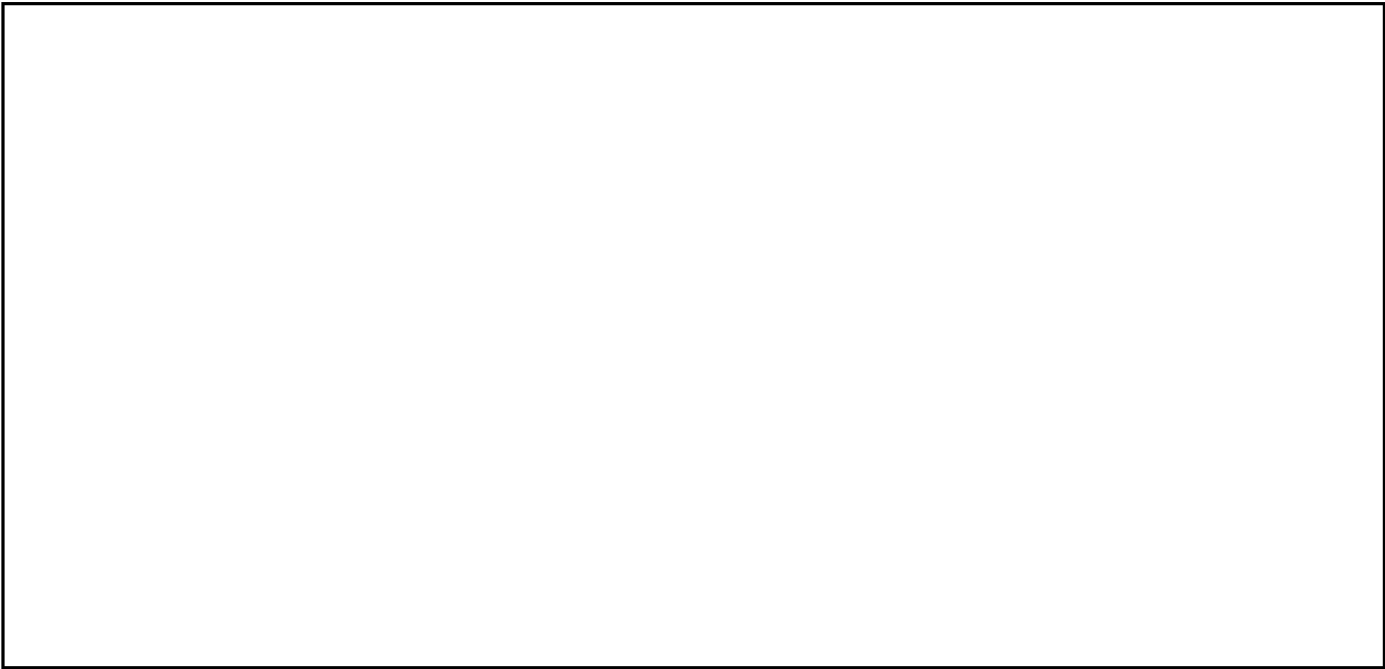
9 June 1991

Mr. C. Richard D'Amato
Counsel for International and
National Security Policy
Senate Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Defense
Washington, D.C. 20510-6028

Dear Dick:

(U) This is a followup to our meeting and discussion on Friday, 7 June. The target date to have our contract signed is 21 June. Although this has taken longer than we would have preferred, I want to assure you that the staff has been diligent in seeking to expedite this important task. In fact, we completed our statement of work in December 1990, but the administrative, legal, and procedural issues associated with such a complex and unique contract contributed to the pace of contract execution. We have, as you undoubtedly suspect, a complete record of our chronology in this regard, which demonstrates that our people have been proactive at every opportunity. However, the bottom line is that the contract will be signed this month and everything is on track, particularly since we are using R&D funds. In fact, we had obtained authorization for precontract costs which has permitted us to undertake some work while the contract details were being finalized.

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(U) Additionally, I will be contacting [redacted] tomorrow to offer an update/status briefing to the Intelligence Community Staff on Project STAR GATE. Once I nail down a date and give the briefing, I will give you a call and let you know how things went.

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(U) I want you to know that all of us enjoy working with you. I personally appreciate the flexibility you have given us in fulfilling the FY91 Congressional direction. I hope you agree with me that the staff is doing a super job in dealing with a very complex and controversial subject.

Sincerely,

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