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The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy
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United States Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Ranking Member
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United States Senate
152 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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Dear Mr. Chairman and Ranking Member Grassley:

I am pleased to write a letter of recommendation for MG Marilyn Quagliotti (Army, retired) for the position of Deputy Director for Supply Reduction in the Office on ONDCP. MG Quagliotti reported to me as the Deputy Director, Defense Information Systems Agency from July 2005 to June 2007. She managed and directed the daily operations of a Defense Agency comprised of about 6,500 government employees and 10,000 contractors with an annual budget of eight billion dollars.

MG Quagliotti is a charismatic, high energy, no nonsense leader known to quickly identify the essence of an issue or problem and build the right team and skill set to address and resolve. She brings with her a practiced history of program management skills and acquisition savvy. She orchestrated many critical programs from upgrading the White House Situational Room to significantly reducing the costs to lease commercial satellites for the Department of Defense. She knows how to lead during intense crisis moments as demonstrated by her management of a significant cable cut restoral process impacting all undersea cables that provided primary communications with the Iraq theater. She has a unique ability to take a complex problem and unpeel the issues back to doable, solvable parts. She has strong management skills and exercised that daily orchestration of the strategic work efforts of over thirty Senior Executive Service members and three other flag officers. I trusted General Quagliotti with the most difficult tasks and she succeeded with innovation, energy and leadership never forgetting the customer and mission she was supporting.

I know of no one more dedicated to government service and our nation. Her core values of integrity, excellence in all she does and service before self are unquestionable. I strongly recommend General Quagliotti for this senior position in Government that requires leadership to deliver results.

Very Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Charles E. Croom". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "C" and a prominent "E".

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