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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Vice Admiral Laurence H. Frost, USN  
Director  
National Security Agency  
Fort Meade, Maryland

Dear Admiral Frost:

It is requested that serious consideration be given by you, in your capacity as Director of the National Security Agency, to declare Administrative leave for the employees of your Agency for tomorrow, Inaugural Day, January 20.

I realize that Public Law 85-1 does not authorize a legal holiday for employees whose Agency is located in Anne Arundel County, However, I believe there are several compelling reasons for you to exercise your discretion in this matter by granting Administrative leave.

In 1957, when Public Law 85-1 was enacted, the National Security Agency had not been relocated from Arlington County to Anne Arundel County, I am advised that approximately 40 percent of the employees of the Agency still commute from Arlington to Fort Meade. This matter has been discussed informally with representatives of the District of Columbia Commissioners, the Metropolitan Police Department, and the Inaugural Committee. It is felt strongly that if such leave is not granted, a serious traffic condition will exist, both during the morning and evening hours. This is particularly true in view of the inclement weather forecast for late today and early tomorrow morning. In view of the foregoing, I believe that a favorable decision by you would be welcomed not only by the employees themselves, but would contribute significantly to a smooth and orderly handling of unprecedented crowds tomorrow.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

/s/ RICHARD E. LANKFORD

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