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The Honorable William S. Cohen
Secretary of Defense
The Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am writing to ask why the Department of Defense has not prepared the first report on cooperative missile defense projects with Russia that was required by law to be submitted to Congress no later than January 1, 1999.

The second such report, required under the European Security Act of 1998, section 2705(d) of Division G of Public Law 105-277, is due no later than January 1, 2000. In addition, section 209(d) of H.R. 3427, which soon will be enacted into law by operation of Division B of this year's Consolidated Appropriations Act, H.R. 3194, requires that a third such report be submitted to Congress no later than January 1, 2001.

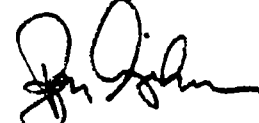
The European Security Act provides that this report is to be submitted by the President, and accordingly my staff has been asking the White House for nearly a year to comply with the law by submitting the report. We understand that the Department of Defense was responsible within the Administration for preparing the report, and for nearly a year no report has been forthcoming.

I would appreciate your attention to this matter, particularly given the initiatives now underway with Russia to increase cooperation in the area of ballistic missile defense. As suggested by the European Security Act, our Committee generally supports this kind of cooperation, and it therefore surprises me that the Administration is missing this opportunity to engage us in the issue.

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With warmest regards,

Sincerely,



BENJAMIN A. GILMAN
Chairman

✓ cc: The Honorable Samuel Berger

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