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The Honorable Leon Panetta
Chief of Staff
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Panetta:

It was a pleasure meeting you during my recent trip to Washington, D.C. I appreciated the opportunity to provide you with our perspective on the next big leap in computing and communications -- the powerful linking of the technologies, services and industries that will create the information society.

It's an exciting time for Microsoft and we believe an exciting time for the country. Technology is critical to our economy and society, and I believe that the U.S. industry is playing a significant role in evolving the potential of information technology. I hope that you will let us know when you are in the Seattle area -- we would welcome the opportunity for you to visit the Microsoft campus so we can show you first-hand some of the exciting new technologies we are working on.

Sincerely,

Bill Gates
Chairman & CEO