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The Honorable Marco Rubio
317 Hart Senate Office Building
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Dear Senator Rubio:

Your constituent, Mr. Benjamin E. Smith, of Tampa, Florida, who is a Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) employee assigned to U.S. Central Command, was recently awarded the 2012 Galileo Award.

This Community-wide program- established in 2004 and named after the visionary scientist and mathematician- honors Intelligence Community (IC) officers who bring forward bold and innovative ideas addressing current challenges facing the IC. Mr. Smith was one of three winning authors who fully embraced the theme of the 2012 competition, *Staying Ahead: Change in the IC*. A two-phased rigorous evaluation process conducted by current and former IC leaders judged the 118 submissions (submitted without the author's name or agency affiliation) focused on the relevance, quality, and originality of the submission. Each winning author will receive a \$10,000 monetary award and an opportunity to brief senior IC leadership.

Mr. Smith's paper, *In Plain Sight: Capturing and Exploiting Unidentified Data*, demonstrates that the IC's treatment of source endnotes requires modernization and proposes a cost-effective solution that will capture and exploit endnote data. The advantages of adopting this proposal include increased efficiency during analysis and production, more comprehensive research, collaboration and coordination among analysts, and a first ever picture of the analytic links between disparate topics, problems, and ideas.

DIA is pleased to have the opportunity to inform you of your constituent's excellent work. If you would like further information on this matter, please feel free to contact Christina McDonnell, Operations Team Chief, Congressional Relations, at (202) 231-0843.

Sincerely,

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