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The Honorable Marco Rubio United States Senate B40A Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Rubio:

I am pleased to inform you the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) selected one of your constituents, Major General Jack Leide, a resident of Palm Coast, Florida, as a recipient of the 2012 Defense Intelligence Agency's Torch Bearers Award. This award is presented to individuals who have made a significant and lasting contribution to defense intelligence and whose performance also embodied the agency's core values and principles.

Major General Jack Leide retired after 37 years of faithful service in August, 1995. He distinguished himself as a superb career military officer, diplomat and attaché in the annals of defense human intelligence (HUMINT). As the United States Defense Attaché in Beijing during the Tiananmen Square crisis, he set new standards for excellence in reporting during real-time situations under extreme circumstances and eminent physical danger. Subsequent to serving as the Director of Intelligence, J2 during Operation DESERT SHIELD and DESERT STORM, General Leide became the guiding force in coordinating, designing, and successfully implementing the Defense HUMINT Service, the most fundamental reorganization of military HUMINT since World War II, and the foundation for our modern day defense HUMINT. General Leide's extraordinary career is marked by exceptional service to our Armed Forces, DIA and the United States.

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