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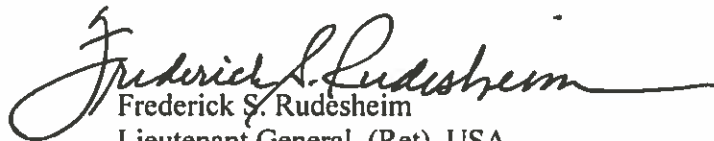
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MEMORANDUM FOR William J. Perry Center Employees

Since 1985, this week has been designated by Congress as Public Service Recognition Week to honor the work you and others do on behalf of our Nation. As a retired Army Officer, I have had the opportunity to observe over many years the valuable contributions civilians in the Department of Defense make towards securing democracy around the world. In my new role as Director of the Perry Center, I am pleased and honored to be able to continue working with such dedicated public servants who work so hard to advance the priorities of the Department in the Western Hemisphere. Since my first day on the job, your work ethic and focus on the supporting our mission has been noteworthy. Your sustained efforts to help the nations of the hemisphere build strong, sustainable networks of security and defense leaders will have lasting impact.

Given the focus on Public Service this week, I think it appropriate to recall the words of Sophocles, the Greek Playwright, who wrote: "This is man's highest end, to others' service, all his powers to bend." I wholeheartedly endorse that thought and look forward to continuing to serve along with you on this noble mission.

With gratitude,


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Director

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