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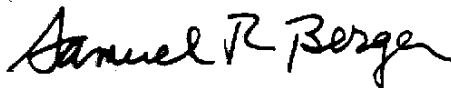
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To the Members of the NATO Summit Planning Staff:

As we begin the final three months of what I know has already been a lengthy and intensive planning effort, I want you to know how pleased I am with your progress thus far. Without question, the Washington Summit will play a key role in advancing our long term interests in Europe and your contributions in countless areas have kept this unprecedented event on track.

Bringing 44 heads of state and their national delegations to Washington is a daunting assignment requiring tremendous skill and effort to execute. From the Commemorative Event to the signing of the Washington Declaration, the Summit will be a reflection of the knowledge, experience and dedication you have brought to this monumental undertaking. On behalf of the President, I thank you for all you have accomplished to date, and I am confident your continued hard work in the weeks ahead will make the summit fully successful.

Sincerely,



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