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Dear Senator Levin,

I thank you for your letter of 9 June 2003. We would have no objection if it were made public how many site packages the CIA provided UNMOVIC between 31 December 2002 and 11 March 2003.

May I take the opportunity, however, to comment on the statement by Mr. Tenet that the American intelligence community has had "an intelligence exchange with the United Nations on Iraq and WMD in sensitive sites for over 10 years..." At UNMOVIC, we have much appreciated the cooperation offered to us by the CIA and intelligence agencies of other states. On our side we have followed the principle of one-way traffic: we have received much information but in the main severely restricted our information to suppliers.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Chairman Blix:

I have had an ongoing dialogue with the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) going back to December of last year about the extent to which the United States shared information with United Nations (UN) inspectors searching for evidence of weapons of mass destruction in Iraq. As you may recall, I met with you and your colleagues in New York on February 1st to discuss this and other matters.

In his public congressional testimony on February 11-12 and in an unclassified letter dated May 6th, Director of Central Intelligence George Tenet repeatedly stated that the CIA had briefed all of its high value and moderate value suspect sites to the UNMOVIC and IAEA. I have publicly disagreed with Director Tenet's assertion based on my review of the Intelligence Community's classified list of suspect sites and those where information was shared.

In a recent letter to me, DCI Tenet cited "secrecy arrangements [and]... understandings" between the CIA and UN as one of the reasons for his unwillingness to state publicly how many site briefing packages were shared with the UN. DCI Tenet, however, wasn't reluctant to disclose the CIA's historic information-sharing relationship in his public congressional testimony on February 12th:

"We, the American intelligence community, have had an intelligence exchange with the United Nations on Iraq and WMD in sensitive sites for

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over 10 years... As I said yesterday, we have briefed all of these high value and moderate value sites to UNMOVIC and the IAEA."

My dialogue with the CIA prompts me to ask you whether you have any objection if the total number of Iraq suspect site packages provided by the CIA to UNMOVIC from December 31, 2002 to March 11, 2003 were made public – not the content of the packages or location of suspect sites, just the number?

I would appreciate a prompt response. Many thanks.

Sincerely,

Carl Levin

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