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The Honorable Ketanji Brown Jackson
United States District Judge
United States District Court for the
District of Columbia
E. Barrett Prettyman United States Courthouse
333 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington D.C. 20001

Your Honor:

I write this letter on behalf of Mr. James A. Wolfe, whom I understand will be sentenced on December 20th; I am aware of the offense to which he pleaded guilty.

By way of background, I served in the Intelligence Community for over 50 years, culminating as the Director of National Intelligence from 2010 to 2017. Earlier, I served as the Undersecretary of Defense for Intelligence, and prior to that as Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency, and later as Director of the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency. I have

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been a political appointee in both Republican and Democratic administrations. I served in the military for 34 years, first in the Marine Corps Reserve, and then in the Air Force, retiring in 1995 as a Lieutenant General. I served two combat tours in Southeast Asia, and I hold a bachelor's and master's degree in political science.

I have known Jim since about 2002, in his capacity as the Director of Security for the Senate Select Committee for Intelligence. I interacted with him during the many hearings when I testified before the Committee. In every instance, Jim conducted himself professionally and courteously. He was well known as an expert in security matters and was very conscientious about protecting classified information and the physical security of the hearing rooms and environs. I found him to be honest, forthright, ethical, and helpful. Jim served

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the Committee long and well — 31 years, 27 of which were as the Director of Security.

Knowing Jim as I do, I know this whole experience — and its exposure in the media — has been very traumatic for him already. I would hope the Court would consider Jim's long and faithful service, as well as what he has endured thus far — in sentencing him, and would recommend minimal confinement.

Respectfully,
James R. Clapper