

# **EXHIBIT 22**



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Mr. Michael J. Gottlieb  
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Dear Mr. Gottlieb,

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph C. Murphy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the left.

Joseph C. Murphy  
Major, U.S. Air Force  
Chief, Command Records Branch