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Dear Mr. Leader:

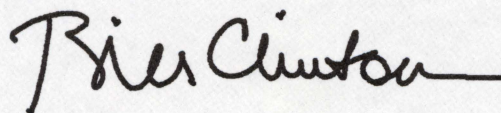
Since World War II, U.S. military superiority has been based on our technological advantage, and technology will be even more important in the unpredictable security environment we now face. However, many of the new technologies most critical to defense are emerging in the commercial sector, and defense access to these technologies is limited. Moreover, because Cold War defense budgets are no longer sustainable, we must be concerned with the affordability, as well as the performance, of our weapon systems.

The Defense Department's dual-use technology strategy is a response to these new realities. Building on the foundation of federal acquisition reform, this strategy is designed to eliminate the barriers created over the years between the commercial and defense industries. The goal is to leverage the advanced technologies and efficient production capabilities of commercial industry to keep our military the strongest in the world.

The Technology Reinvestment Project is one important element of this dual-use technology strategy. With an investment of \$440 million a year, the TRP has successfully leveraged billions of dollars of research to meet defense needs.

The attached report, "Second to None: Preserving America's Military Edge through Dual-Use Technology," describes DoD's dual-use technology strategy. The report was jointly prepared by the National Economic Council, the National Security Council, and the Office of Science and Technology Policy. Within the next few days, the Department of Defense will formally release its dual-use technology plan. I look forward to working with you to carry out this important plan for maintaining our technology-based military advantage.

Sincerely,



The Honorable Robert Dole  
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