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Dear Mr. Streibert:

As the first anniversary of the United States Information Agency approaches, I want to send you and members of your staff -- in all parts of the world -- my warm greetings and best wishes. This anniversary offers an appropriate opportunity for reviewing your organization's achievements during the past twelve months. Those achievements have been substantial, and they have been carried out by men and women who know the nature of the present struggle and the difficult undertakings ahead. I congratulate these dedicated people and wish them well.

They bear a heavy responsibility. The forces of freedom and the forces of tyranny are met in the struggle in which the battlefields are indeed the minds and souls of men. In the words of Milton, "Let Truth and Falsehood grapple; who ever knew Truth put to the worse in a free and open encounter?" In today's struggle, it is upon efforts such as those in which you and your colleagues are engaged that this nation and the supporters of liberty everywhere must depend.

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Sincerely,

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