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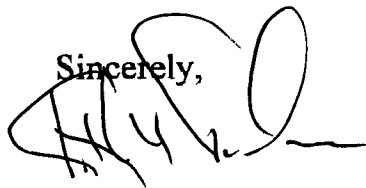
Dear Mr. President—

For more than four years I have served as chairman of the Broadcasting Board of Governors. During this time we launched an Arabic language satellite television network for Muslim nations ranging from Morocco to Iraq to Yemen. We originated daily Persian language satellite news and current affairs television for the people of Iran. We expanded radio and television to Afghanistan. We significantly increased radio and television transmissions to Cuba to combat that regime's efforts to block the free flow of information through jamming. This record could not have been accomplished without unprecedented support for international broadcasting from your White House and our allies on Capitol Hill.

I am proud of my record of service during these troubled times, and I have appreciated deeply your repeatedly submitting my name to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee for reconfirmation to this position. Those who oppose my nomination cite charges against me that simply do not stand up to scrutiny.

In recent weeks, however, I have concluded that it would be far more constructive to write a book on my experiences rather than to seek to continue government service. Accordingly, I ask that you nominate another person to serve as chairman of this board. At your pleasure, I will be available to serve as chairman until my replacement is confirmed. It has been an honor to serve your Presidency, and we so appreciate your leadership in this extraordinary time in our nation's history.

Sincerely,



President George W. Bush
The White House