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*The following holiday message by Director of National Intelligence Dennis C. Blair was sent to employees of the United States Intelligence Community:*

Dear Colleagues,

The spirit of this special season is all around us. In whatever ways you choose to observe the holidays and the New Year, I hope they include some well-deserved rest and time to catch up with friends and family.

For those who are safeguarding the nation at home and abroad, I want to take this opportunity to express the gratitude and warm wishes of our entire Intelligence Community. Your service is a priceless gift.

In the New Year, the challenges for our community will not diminish. As long as there are threats to our national security, it will be our duty to find ways to help our nation confront them. I have complete confidence in our ability to meet those challenges. Every year, we operate on a stronger foundation, built by a more integrated and collaborative Intelligence Community.

On behalf of our entire leadership, I thank you for your tireless dedication and wish you a safe, healthy, joyous holiday season.

Dennis C. Blair