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Mr. Daniel P. Mulhollan, Director
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Dear Mr. Mulhollan:

With the sinking of South Korea's "Cheonan" ship, and the killing of 46 South Korean sailors, considerable debate and discussion are underway regarding appropriate responses to North Korea. Among the options raised are additional action by the United Nations (UN) Security Council. You may recall that the Security Council unanimously adopted Resolution 1874 in 2009, strengthening Resolution 1718 by imposing further economic and commercial sanctions on North Korea following an underground nuclear test.

I am writing to request that the Congressional Research Service (CRS) evaluate the implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 1874, and that your analysis address the following:

- 1) What has been accomplished by the resolution? Please provide examples of its effectiveness.
- 2) Are countries fully participating? Which countries appear to be reluctant to undertake implementation and which countries have complied with or exceeded the resolution's mandate?
- 3) Did the level of implementation change over time?
- 4) The UNSC incorporated a provision within Resolution 1874 establishing a "Panel of Experts" charged with "gathering, examining and analyzing information from States, relevant United Nations bodies and other interested parties regarding the implementation of the measures imposed by the Council in resolutions 1718 (2006) and 1874 (2009), in particular incidents of non-compliance". The Panel was also charged with "making recommendations on actions the Council, the Committee or Member states may consider to improve implementation of those measures". Please review the the "Panel of Experts" report upon release and

determine what, if anything is lacking in coverage. Were there limitations to the Panel's ability to arrive at findings?

- 5) What are possible benchmarks so that Congress may assess compliance of the resolution?
- 6) In what ways might UNSCR 1874 be modified and strengthened?
- 7) Could the U.S. be more effective in its coordination with other countries to ensure their fullest possible implementation of UNSCR 1874?
- 8) How does UNSCR 1874 conform to the overall U.S. nonproliferation and counter-proliferation strategy?

Thank you, in advance for the assistance of CRS officials in reviewing and addressing the points raised. I look forward to your findings.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Richard G. Lugar". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Richard G. Lugar
Ranking Member

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