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The Honorable Kevin J. Wolf
Assistant Secretary for Export Administration
Bureau of Industry and Security, Room 3886
U.S. Department of Commerce
Washington, DC 20230

Dear Mr. Wolf:

I am writing to request the participation of the Bureau of Industry and Security's Office of Technology Evaluation in a major assessment of facilities in the National Industrial Security Program (NISP). The assessment will focus on U.S. Government contractors and facilities that design, manufacture, test, and evaluate various defense and high-technology products and their components. We expect this joint effort will allow us to survey all NISP facilities over the course of 3 years.

The Defense Security Service is a Department of Defense agency that provides the Military Services, DoD Components, 27 other Federal agencies, and about 13,000 NISP facilities with industrial security services and security training. DSS provides oversight and assistance to cleared contractor facilities and assists cleared companies with their obligations to protect U.S. and foreign classified information.

We recently became aware, from an OTE report, of OTE's in-depth assessment of the U.S. Space Industrial Base, ability to partner with other agencies, and unique Defense Production Act authorities that allowed OTE to produce the groundbreaking report. We believe combining DSS's capabilities with OTE's survey expertise will give us an improved understanding of the classified and sensitive technologies in the cleared facilities we oversee, and a better view of those facilities' vulnerabilities.

For the purpose of conducting the survey and related analysis, DSS is prepared to enter into a multi-year interagency agreement with BIS as well as provide necessary funding and technical support to complete the NISP survey and assessment. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Chris Fraser, Branch Chief, at 571-305-6218 or jonathan.fraser@dss.mil. I appreciate your consideration of this request and look forward to the opportunity to work with OTE on this important effort.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stanley L. Sims", written over a faint circular stamp.

Stanley L. Sims
Director

cc:
Director for Defense Intelligence (Intelligence & Security)