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FOR YOUR INFORMATION
FROM COUNCIL MEMBER OSTROW

Dear President Ostrow and Council Members:

On behalf of the men and women of the U.S. Secret Service, I want to express my appreciation for the assistance which was provided by various members of the Minneapolis Police Department over the past several weeks. In fact, President George W. Bush, Senator John Kerry, and President Paul Kagame of Rwanda each visited the Minneapolis area during this time period. As you can imagine, each of these protectees came with a variety of security challenges to this office and area law enforcement.

The Secret Service relies heavily upon the support of our local, state and federal law enforcement partners to successfully complete our protective mission. As you may know, many of these visits came about with very short notice and were very labor-intensive. Special Agent Anthony Samec, along with other agents from the Minneapolis Field Office, has brought to my attention the efforts of several members of the Police Department, including Inspector Rob Allen, Lieutenant Otto Wagenpfeil, Lieutenant Bill Whisney and Sergeant Patricia Helen. Also to be commended is Deputy Chief Sharon Lubinski, under whose strong command these fine officers fall.

We have worked many previous protective and investigative assignments with these individuals and are always impressed by their professionalism, dedication to duty, and their attention to details. Their efforts helped provide a safe and secure environment for all of our protectees.

You should know that the visiting agents traveling in from the various protective details, including the Presidential Protective Detail, commented on the outstanding effort provided by the Minneapolis Police Department and high level of professionalism exhibited by it's members. Please let other members of the Council know that they have some of the finest employees working for City of Minneapolis. Although their efforts are rarely ever made public, their assistance is invaluable to this agency in accomplishing our protective mission.

On behalf of the U.S. Secret Service, please accept my deep gratitude and appreciation.

Very truly yours,

John G. Kirkwood
Special Agent in Charge