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MEMORANDUM FOR William J. Perry Center Employees

This week is designated by Congress as Public Service Recognition Week and on behalf of the Perry Center leadership team, I would like to thank you for all you do in support of our Nation and your dedicated efforts to advance our nation's defense and security goals in the Western Hemisphere. Day in and day out, I am amazed at your dedicated work ethic and focus on building strong, sustainable networks of security and defense leaders. Your work is instrumental in strengthening institutions as well as building individual capacity, and I'm honored to partner with you in achieving these objectives.

Despite the many changes and challenges of the past few years, I am so proud to see your continual commitment to excellence and the enthusiasm that you all bring to your mission daily. There can be no doubt in anyone's mind that the Perry Center faculty and staff make great things happen every day! As Woodrow Wilson said, "You are not here merely to make a living. You are here in order to enable the world to live more amply, with greater vision, with a finer spirit of hope and achievement. You are here to enrich the world, and you impoverish yourself if you forget the errand."

I consider it my distinct honor to support and work with such an outstanding team and look forward to continuing our efforts this year. I wish you and your families all the best.

With gratitude,

Mark S. Wilkins
Director

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