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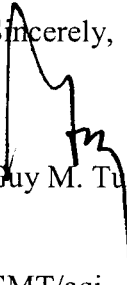
Dear Colonel Knight:

I would like to commend the officers of the Florida Highway Patrol and your leadership team for their participation in the security surrounding the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) in Miami. Your leadership and the actions of your officers helped ensure a safe and secure environment for all participants.

Coordinating security among fifty federal, state, and local criminal justice partners is a daunting task. A testament to the success of the operation is the fact that there was no loss of life, minimal property damage, and protesters were able to exercise their constitutional right to protest. Summits of this size, scope, and controversial nature have caused cities consternation in the past. Florida law enforcement agencies can be proud of the manner in which the security plan was executed. The Florida Highway Patrol and all those agencies that participated in the security efforts surrounding the FTAA showed remarkable professionalism and integrity.

Thank you for your continued leadership and congratulations on a job well done.

Sincerely,



Guy M. Tunnell

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cc: Fred Dickinson, Executive Director, Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles