

Friends --

I am writing in regards to your letter from last week. I was very touched by the sincereness of its contents and accept its apology. I have never disagreed with the Special Forces' existence as an institution, nor have I ever been anything but supportive of your combative abilities in public and in private.

I look forward to future work and will continue to maintain a positive relationship between the White House and your agency.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

TIMOTHY GEITHNER /s/