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Ms. Teresa Chambers
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Dear Chief:

What a great day on the Mall! I cannot thank you and your staff enough for the efforts expended in this action on behalf of the National Park Service in helping to keep our visitors and monuments safe. The U.S. Park Police truly exemplify partnerships and the seamless system by working so well with so many others.

This Fourth of July celebration was truly unique because of attacks on September 11, 2002. The level of anxiety felt by our visitors may well have been unprecedented in this country's history, and there was tremendous pressure put upon your people to keep these same visitors safe.

I want to note that your calm, confident, and professional demeanor as the press interviewed you certainly reflected well on all of us. You gave the President, the Department of the Interior, the National Park Service and, in particular, the U.S. Park Police great national exposure while calming any anxiety and further enhancing the patriotic pride of this nation.

Teresa, the public was certainly well served by the extraordinary care and dedication to duty personified on this occasion by the U.S. Park Police. It is a pleasure to work with you and all your staff. Please also extend my appreciation to Sergeant Scott Fear, and tell everyone else how proud I am.

Sincerely,

Fran P. Mainella
Director

cc: Randy Jones, Deputy Director
Don Murphy, Deputy Director