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Dear Simson:

On behalf of the Naval Postgraduate School, and the staff of Information Technology and Communications Services (ITACS), we would like to extend our deepest appreciation to you for your invaluable contributions in response to Computer Tasking Order 08-008.

Your enthusiastic efforts, your expertise and research in the area of computer forensics and storage device imaging allowed NPS to quickly deliver the "Secure Data Transfer Kiosk." To date, this is the only known solution for directly and safely retrieving data that had been stranded on USB storage devices as a result of the CTO, while protecting the NPS network from an immediate and real threat. The USB storage ban negatively impacted nearly all NPS personnel. Your efforts have been central to minimizing that impact and in some cases provided the only method by which NPS personnel could continue to do their jobs.

The "Secure Data Transfer Kiosks" have allowed two groups, who were more severely impacted by the USB storage ban than most, to continue their contribution to the NPS mission. Both the NPS Public Affairs Office and the Center for Educational Design, Development, and Distribution continuously generate digital media that is of high value to NPS in the form of digital pictures and streaming audio and video of classes, lectures, panel discussions and special events. Without your work, this digital media would have remained stranded as a result of the CTO.

We greatly appreciate your ability to collaborate with teams of people having diverse backgrounds, and your willingness to share your knowledge and to train others to take over the management and general support of the Secure Data Transfer Kiosk program. Your outstanding performance reflects great credit upon you, the Information Assurance Division, ITACS, and the Naval Postgraduate School.

I look forward to future opportunities to work with you and to utilize your unique expertise as ITACS continues to advance the level of IT services delivered to our incredible Faculty, Staff and Students.

Sincerely,

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