



Homeland Security

February 10, 2006

The Honorable George W. Bush
President of the United States of America
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500-0001

Dear President Bush,

For almost three years, it has been my honor and privilege to serve you and our country as the first Under Secretary for Science and Technology in the Department of Homeland Security. Thank you for this great opportunity of being a part of the formation and operation of the new Department.

As I look back and to the future, I conclude that the time has come for me to tender my resignation from this position effective March 25, 2006. If you desire, I would be pleased to aid in the transition to new leadership prior to that time.

From the onset of my tenure in this position, my objectives have been to build an excellent technical team to lead the research and development efforts for the Department and to launch breakthrough research and development programs to make a difference in our nation's protection from catastrophic events. The former objective has been achieved with the handpicked team of dedicated men and women who care greatly about the security and wellbeing of the country. The second objective is nearing fruition with the imminent completion of new capabilities for the Department. Therefore, I can leave with the satisfaction of knowing that the Science and Technology Directorate is well positioned to serve the future technological needs of the Department.

Thank you for your personal world leadership and your vision for the United States of America. All Americans are well served by having you as our President.

With respect and admiration,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charles E. McQueary".

Dr. Charles E. McQueary
Under Secretary for
Science and Technology