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The Honorable James R. Schlesinger
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Dear Dr. Schlesinger

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for your years of leadership. Your contributions, in no small part, led to the establishment of GPS as the elite means for positioning, navigation and timing not only for the United States Department of Defense and its allies, but also for vast civil and commercial applications, both domestically and internationally.

As you well know, one of these civil applications is the use of codeless/semi-codeless procedures that produce significantly higher levels of accuracy. AFSPC is committed to complying with the 2008 Federal Register Notice in support of codeless/semi-codeless civil users until 2020. To this end, we will ensure phase stability is codified in GPS interface specifications and related documentation. Additionally, as we assess the possibility of implementing flex power prior to 2020, we will only consider options that protect phase stability.

We are committed to our civil users and will make every effort to ensure we meet their needs. We look forward to your continued mentorship as we overcome these critical challenges.

Sincerely

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