



DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE

**A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF THE
UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE**

For nearly 140 years, the United States Secret Service has demonstrated its commitment to enhance the security of our homeland. As this nation's oldest investigative federal law enforcement agency, we have historically changed our mission to serve America's needs...now, more than ever.

Since September 11th, the Secret Service has experienced unprecedented growth in our protective and investigative missions. Our mandate of safeguarding the nation's leaders, visiting heads of state, and designated National Special Security Events has grown, even as the enhanced investigative authority provided in the recently enacted USA Patriot Act has helped us further protect the nation's financial systems.

The Secret Service can take some measure of encouragement in knowing that we are among a handful of Americans whose everyday work can make a difference in preventing such attacks in the future. The atrocities of September 11th reduced our New York Field Office to rubble, and sadly, one member of the Secret Service family, Master Special Officer Craig Miller, was lost at the World Trade Center. But, the events of that tragic day only strengthened the resolve of the men and women of the United States Secret Service.

Each day, our new and expanding responsibilities to help protect America's homeland present a significant challenge to our special agents, officers, professional and administrative staff. They are challenges well met, with the professionalism, dedication, and diligence exhibited by so many United States Secret Service employees.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Brian L. Stafford".

Brian L. Stafford