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1000 Independence Ave., S.W.  
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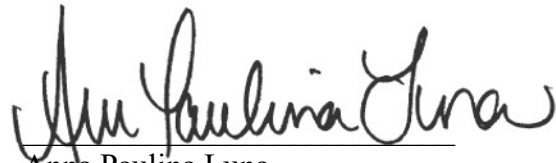
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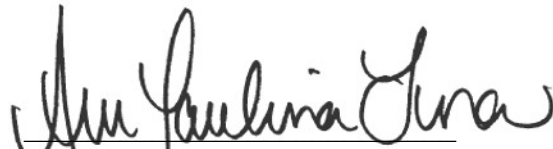
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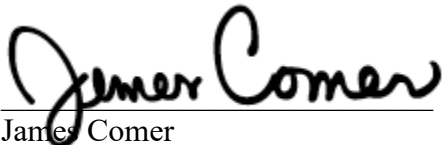
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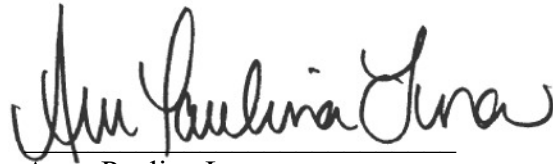
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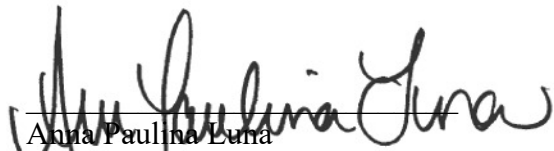
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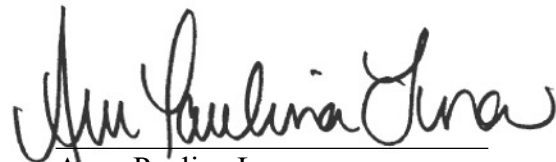
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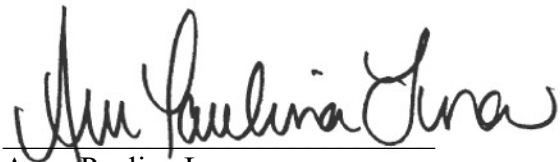
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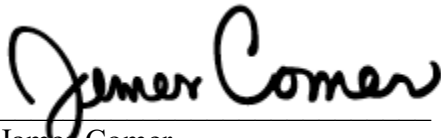
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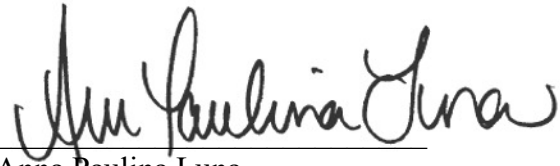
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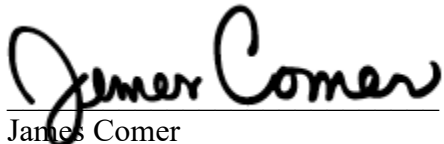
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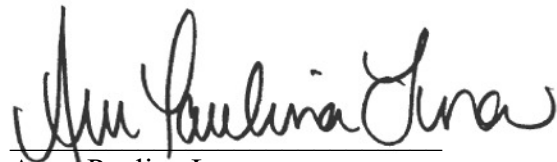
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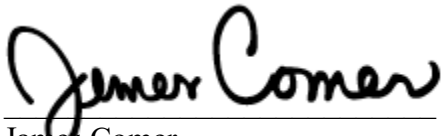
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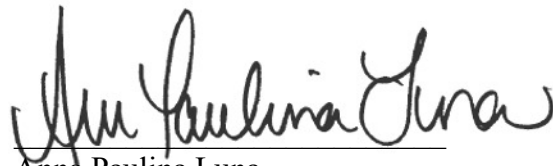
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The Honorable John Ratcliffe  
Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
1000 Colonial Farm Rd.  
Langley, VA 22101

Dear Director Ratcliffe:

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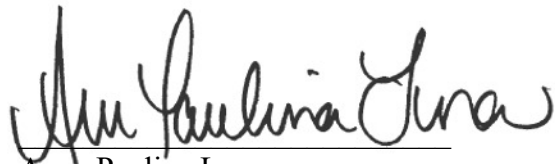
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Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Attorney General Bondi:

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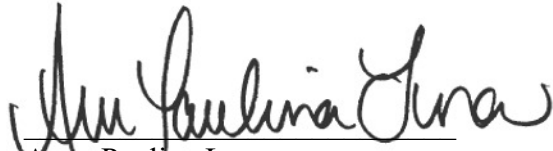
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