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Mr. Henry Blackburn
2108 Oliver Avenue
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55411

Dear Mr. Blackburn:

President Nixon has asked that I reply to your recent correspondence concerning the SENTINEL Ballistic Missile Defense System.

As you know, the President announced on 14 March 1969 his decision to undertake a phased deployment of a substantially modified ballistic missile defense. In his announcement he enumerated the safeguards that such a defense will provide for the Nation. The views which you and others have expressed were among those weighed in the decision he has taken in support of the security of the United States.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kenneth G. Wickham".

KENNETH G. WICKHAM
Major General, USA
The Adjutant General