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The Honorable Richard C. Clarke
Special Advisor to the President
Cyberspace Security
National Security Council
1800 G Street, 10th Floor
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Dear Richard:

Enclosed please find the Banking and Finance Sector National Strategy for Critical Infrastructure Assurance. This document was developed in a collaborative process under the auspices of a Treasury-sponsored working group, which spanned an eighteen-month period. This effort was led by Stash Jarocki, VP, Morgan Stanley, and Chairman of the Financial Services Information Sharing and Analysis Center (FS/ISAC). Mr. Jarocki chaired the National Strategy Working Group.

I commend Stash and the working group for their effort. It is my understanding that this National Strategy will serve as an evolving baseline that will document private sector endeavors to protect its critical infrastructures.

The Treasury Department will take under advisement the recommendations found herein as we work with the public and private sector to support the safety and soundness of the nation's financial services industry.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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