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Dear Donato Pilla, President

The retirement of the F-117 Program is a time for reflection on the role EXPRESS METAL AEROSPACE has played supporting the Program. Lockheed Martin Aeronautics would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the contributions of EXPRESS METAL AEROSPACE staff at every level for their commitment to producing a quality product to ensure the safety, dependability and effectiveness of the F-117 aircraft.

EXPRESS METAL AEROSPACE has been an integral and key part of the Team Nighthawk workforce linked to the F-117 Mission Statement:

*Be an engaged, innovative workforce, supporting the F-117 precision strike aircraft –
Achieving new standards in affordability, reliability and survivability.*

We thank you and honor you as part of the indelible history of the F-117 aircraft, a history whose roots trace back to 1974 when the idea for a stealth fighter was thrust to reality.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George F. Zielsdorff".

Dr. George F. Zielsdorff
Vice President U-2 & F-117

