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- Since January 1995, arrests of 143 suspects have been made in connection with 107 fires at churches and other houses of worship. This rate of arrest is significantly higher than the general arrest rate for arsons.
- Three quarters (104) of all defendants arrested in the last two years were arrested during the seven months following the formation of the Task Force.
- Since January 1, 1995, federal and state prosecutions have resulted in convictions of 48 defendants, in connection with fires at 43 houses of worship. The remaining cases are still pending trial.

We are grateful for your leadership on this issue and the support that you have extended to the Task Force. We would also like to commend Assistant Secretary James E. Johnson and Assistant Attorney General Deval L. Patrick, co-chairs of the Task Force, as well as the men and women of the ATF and FBI, for the superlative work they have done in this effort. The attached report provides greater details on the progress of the Task Force's efforts. We would be pleased to brief you in more detail.

Respectfully,



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Secretary of the Treasury



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