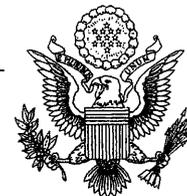


INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING BUREAU



October 23, 2013

Dear Mr. President,

I write to submit my resignation as Director of the International Broadcasting Bureau of the Broadcasting Board of Governors effective November 30, 2013. After more than five decades in broadcasting, I intend to retire and return to my native state of Florida. The proposed implementation of the plan, which I helped formulate, to create the position of CEO and to subsequently abolish the IBB Director's position creates the ideal time for me to step aside so that the newly appointed chairman and board can guide the agency into a new and even stronger future.

I am extremely honored to have served in your administration for the last three years as part of an important organization whose noble mission is to inform, engage and connect people around the world in support of freedom and democracy. The work is courageously performed by professional men and women both in front of and behind microphones and cameras across the globe, often risking their lives to deliver unfettered news and information to regions where there is little or no press freedom.

The agency's communications professionals now reach record global audiences of over 200 million people weekly, using all media platforms including Twitter, Facebook, YouTube, TV, satellite and radio including historic shortwave.

My collaboration with BBG chairs Walter Isaacson and Jeffrey Shell as well as presiding governors Michael Lynton and Dennis Mulhaupt in efforts to restructure and modernize the agency has resulted in successfully positioning it for a relevant future in an increasingly competitive 21st Century global media landscape.

Assisting me mightily in this challenging work have been dedicated IBB colleagues, unsung heroes at the BBG, who consistently deliver breakthrough work, not only in vital support capacities, but most recently in the urgently important areas of technology, digital distribution and innovation. It's not surprising that the IBB's Federal Employees Viewpoint Survey results are often higher than those of many other agencies.

Going forward I urge your administration to increase its support of the BBG as it faces dynamic new global competition.

I am optimistic that the legions of supporters of U.S. international broadcasting will continue to advance the proven value of a free and honest press as the best lesson in democracy.

Thank you for your confidence and for providing me this opportunity to serve.

Richard M. Lobo
Director