EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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Excellency:

I have the honor to refer you to the attached Agreement on Intellectual Property Rights initialed May 13, 1996, by representatives of the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Canada. I propose that whenever scientific and technical agencies of our governments, or their subunits, enter into cooperative written arrangements pertaining to research activities in science and technology, they shall include the aforesaid Agreement by specific reference within those written arrangements unless other approaches to intellectual property rights are specifically agreed in the written arrangements between the parties to the arrangement.

If the foregoing proposal is acceptable to your government, I propose that this note, and your note in reply to that effect, shall constitute

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