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Judge Iain Bonomy
Judge Christoph Flügge
Judge Michèle Picard
International Criminal Tribunal
for the former Yugoslavia
Churchillplein 1
2517 JW The Hague

Dear Judge Bonomy, Judge Flügge, and Judge Picard:

The United States received, on February 17th, the "Invitation to the United States of America Pursuant to Rules 54 and 70" of February 16, 2009, and appreciates the opportunity to assist the work of the Trial Chamber.

The United States has long been committed to assisting the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia's work and to helping ensure that the interests of justice are served, including by cooperating with requests from Defense or Prosecution pursuant to well-established policies and procedures for cooperation.

Pursuant to the Trial Chamber's invitation to provide information concerning communication with the Accused, the United States Government can confirm that, in response to the requests made by Mr. Radovan Karadzic in his letter dated December 11, 2008, the United States has initiated a search for material responsive to those requests and has started the process of making the U.S. Government official available for an interview. We have also informed Mr. Karadzic's legal adviser that, prior to providing any information, either through an interview or in documentary form, we require that he obtain an order that applies Rule 70 to that information.

We note further that, because Mr. Karadzic filed his motion for a Rule 70 order, which included his December 11 letter, as a public document, the United States believes it has been relieved in this case of its commitment to hold the December 11 requests in confidence.

If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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Legal Counselor