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Dear Ms. Johnston:

The annual meetings of the U.S.-Russia Working Group on Afghanistan, took place in the Department on February 08, 2002. The meeting was chaired by Deputy Secretary Armitage and Russian First Deputy Foreign Minister Trubnikov, with participation by U/S Charlotte Beers, EUR A/S Beth Jones, Coordinator for Counterterrorism Frank Taylor, SA A/S Christina Rocca, NEA A/S William Burns, INL A/S Rand Beers, DS A/S David Carpenter, FRM A/S Eugene Dewey, Ambassador Dobbins, Ambassador McNamara, IO PCAS William Wood and PM PDAS Gregory Suchan. The meeting was complex and without the dedication of members of your staff, the event would not have been as successful as it turned out.

Please extend my heartfelt thanks to the following individuals for their tireless efforts during the recent Working Group session:

Santiago Blanco Jr.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charlie".

Charles P. Ries, Acting

Ms. Wileva Johnston,
Manager of DRR, A/OPR/GMS