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1. APOLOGIZE FOR DELAY IN RESPONDING TO REFERENCE CONCERNING  
SECONDING LETTER FOR SLATINSHEK NOMINATION FOR THE ROCKEFELLER AWARD.

2. SUGGESTED RESPONSE FOLLOWS:  
ROCKEFELLER PUBLIC SERVICE AWARDS  
WOODROW WILSON SCHOOL  
PRINCETON UNIVERSITY  
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

DEAR SIR:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER INVITING ME TO SECOND  
THE NOMINATION OF MR. FRANK MATTHEW SLATINSHEK FOR A ROCKE-  
FELLER PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD IN THE FIELD OF PROFES-  
SIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENT OR LEADERSHIP.

IT IS WITH EXTREME PLEASURE THAT I SECOND THE  
NOMINATION OF MR. FRANK MATTHEW SLATINSHEK, CHIEF  
COUNSEL AND STAFF DIRECTOR OF THE COMMITTEE ON ARMED  
SERVICES, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, UNITED STATES  
CONGRESS, WHOSE TRULY OUTSTANDING SERVICE IN THE MILI-  
TARY AND FOR THE CONGRESS AND THE NATION AS A MOST  
COMPETENT AND SKILLED ATTORNEY, COUNSELOR AND ADMIN-  
ISTRATOR IS LITTLE KNOWN TO THE AMERICAN PUBLIC.

MR. SLATINSHEK WAS A VERY SUPERIOR OFFICER  
THROUGHOUT HIS NAVAL CAREER AS A RESERVIST COMMANDING  
A GROUP OF LANDING CRAFT WHICH PARTICIPATED IN MANY  
ASSAULT LANDINGS IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC DURING  
WORLD WAR II, AND DURING HIS RECALL TO ACTIVE DUTY  
DURING THE KOREAN WAR. FROM LATE 1946 THROUGH MID-  
1947, HE SERVED WITH DISTINCTION AS A SPECIAL AGENT  
FOR THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, DEPARTMENT  
OF JUSTICE, AND DURING 1952, WHILE ON ACTIVE  
DUTY WITH THE NAVY, HE WAS SELECTED FOR DETAIL TO THE  
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY. UPON ASSIGNMENT TO THE

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BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL, HE INVOLVED HIMSELF IN LEGISLATIVE MATTERS RELATING TO PAY, SURVIVOR BENEFITS AND MEDICAL CARE, AND WAS ONE OF THE ARCHITECTS INVOLVED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A COMPREHENSIVE SURVIVOR BENEFITS PROGRAM FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL WHICH INTEGRATED SOCIAL SECURITY AND VETERANS ADMINISTRATION BENEFITS INTO THE MILITARY PROGRAM. FROM THE TIME OF HIS APPOINTMENT AS COUNSEL, THE COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES, IN JANUARY 1959, HE HELD THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE STAFF RESPONSIBILITY FOR PERSONNEL AND RESERVE LEGISLATIVE MATTERS AND FOR MILITARY CONSTRUCTION. UPON HIS APPOINTMENT IN JANUARY 1969 AS ASSISTANT CHIEF COUNSEL, HE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES LEGISLATIVE MATTERS. WITH HIS APPOINTMENT ON JULY 1, 1972, AS CHIEF COUNSEL AND STAFF DIRECTOR, HE ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR BOTH THE ADMINISTRATION OF COMMITTEE MATTERS AND COMMITTEE LEGISLATION.

DURING MY SERVICE AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR AND DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE FROM 1966 THROUGH 1973, MR. SLATINSHEK ENJOYED THE REPUTATION AND DEMONSTRATED FOR ME THE HIGHEST DEGREE OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENT AND SKILLED FORESIGHT IN THE HANDLING OF COMMITTEE AFFAIRS RELATING TO THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY AND THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY. MR. SLATINSHEK'S CONTINUING EXCELLENT PERFORMANCE HAS ADDED IMMEASURABLY TO GOOD COMMITTEE RELATIONS INVOLVING NATIONAL SECURITY MATTERS, AND IN THE AUTHORIZATION, REVIEW AND INVESTIGATION OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ACTIVITIES AND THE OVERSIGHT OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY. HIS COUNSEL AND HIS HIGHLY DEVELOPED FACILITY TO EXPEDITE THE BUSINESS AT HAND IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE COMMITTEE AND OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE IS A CONTINUING ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE FIRST ORDER.

I JOIN IN THE NOMINATION OF MR. SLATINSHEK WITHOUT RESERVATION AS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO PERSONIFIES EVERY ATTRIBUTE ASSOCIATED WITH DISTINGUISHED SERVICE.

SINCERELY,  
RICHARD HELMS  
AMBASSADOR TO TEHRAN