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Dr. Roman Lunkin Director for Religion and Law Institute of Europe, Russian Academy of Sciences Moscow, Russia

Dear Dr. Lunkin:

We are looking forward to your presentation and comments during the conference on the interactions of extremism and radiological security that we are co-sponsoring with our Finnish partner, Hellenberg International Ltd, from December 9 to 13, 2018, in Helsinki. Your views on the religious and legal dimensions of this security challenge will be of considerable interest to the other participants.

The conference will be held at the GLO-Art Hotel. We will cover the costs of your room at the hotel, your lodging and related expenses, and your round-trip airfare between Moscow and Helsinki. We currently are developing the details of the agenda for the conference, which will include a number of presentations that address the core security issue from different angles.

The purposes of the conference are (a) to review the experiences of the United States, Russia, Finland and other European countries in reducing the risks of inappropriate access to dangerous materials, and (b) to suggest specific steps in this regard. Your experience in addressing many aspects of violence and extremism is well known, and our colleagues are looking forward to discussing how social turmoil could escalate to new levels of concern.

Sincerely,

Glenn E. Schweitzer

Director