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Dear Matt:

A new center has been established in the College of law under the joint direction of Barry Kellman and myself. It is the International Criminal Justice and Weapons Control Center, whose purposes are to conduct research and studies in the two areas described below.

The Center will have an Advisory Board of distinguished personalities whose names are attached and it is our privilege and pleasure to extend to you an invitation to join that Board. As a member of the Advisory Board we hope you will assist us with your advice and guidance as well as your occasional involvement or participation in any of the Center's projects which may be of interest to you.

The planned programs in international criminal justice are:

- support for the establishment of an international criminal court
- development and implementation of guidelines against impunity for perpetrators of international crimes and serious violations of fundamental human rights
- guidelines for post conflict justice
- legal defense assistance for *ad hoc* international criminal tribunals and the international criminal court
- transnational organized crime and terrorism
- international traffic in women and children for sexual exploitation
- jury system--the American jury--comparative jury systems

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Planned programs for weapons control will focus on the development of legal regimes including modalities and techniques to monitor and enforce disarmament and weapons reduction agreement. Its planned programs include:

- implementation of legal regimes to prohibitions and controls over weapons of mass destruction
- development of Middle East legal regime to establish a weapons of mass destruction free zone
- establishment of criminal justice systems for the enforcement of the Chemical Weapons Convention and the Biological Weapons Convention
- studies on the threat potential of smuggling and use of weapons of mass destruction by transnational organized crime and terrorist groups

The Center shall seek and receive grants and contracts from public and private sources to support its activities and is already carrying out research work for a number of funded projects.

I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Best regards,

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