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Dear Matt,

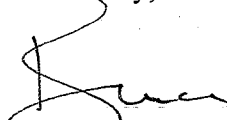
I am pleased to offer you reappointment to the Academy's Committee on International Security and Arms Control (CISAC) for a two-year term beginning June 15, 2000. We value your past service on CISAC and hope that you will be willing to remain with the committee. The outstanding symposium you organized for the recent NAS annual meeting is just one example of your contributions to CISAC's work.

The last several years have been a time of significant success for CISAC. The Future of U.S. Nuclear Weapons Policy continues to receive attention both in the United States and overseas and its new study to design an arms reduction regime that could include all warheads and eventually all fissile materials can make an important contribution. I appreciate the committee's continuing dedication to these issues, and your continuing involvement in those efforts. The committee's dialogues with its foreign counterparts continue to promote cooperative, problem-solving approaches to crucial security issues. All three dialogues -- Russia, China, and the new program with India -- engage key counterparts in countries vital to U.S. and international security. CISAC remains one of the most vital and challenging committees in the Academy.

If you have any questions about your appointment or other matters relating to the committee, I suggest that you contact Dr. John Boright, Executive Director of the Office of International Affairs; his number is 202-334-2804.

I hope you will agree to continue your service in an area of importance to all of us. I am confident that you will continue to make a significant contribution and to find it an interesting and rewarding experience.

Sincerely,



Bruce Alberts
President

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