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The Honorable Jeffrey T. Bergner
Assistant Secretary of State
For Legislative Affairs
U.S. Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Assistant Secretary Bergner,

This letter is provided in support of your efforts to reply to the March 31, 2006 letter from the then-Chairmen and Ranking Members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and House International Relations Committee, who wrote the Secretary of State asking for certain information well in advance of the March 31, 2007, renewal dates for notification to Congress of the three primary space launch joint ventures with Russia under Section 36 of the Arms Export Control Act. The information requested included an updated, unclassified statement from the Director of National Intelligence concerning Russian assistance to Iran's missile programs.

The requested statement, is as follows:

"We assess that individual Russian entities continue to provide assistance to Iran's ballistic missile programs. We judge that Russian-entity assistance, along with assistance from entities in China and North Korea, has helped Iran move toward self-sufficiency in the production of ballistic missiles. The Russian Government has taken steps to improve controls on ballistic-missile technology, and its record of enforcement—though still mixed—has improved over the last decade."

Please use the above text as appropriate in response to this Congressional inquiry.

If you have further questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me in the Office of Legislative Affairs at 202-201-1698.

Sincerely,



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Director of Legislative Affairs