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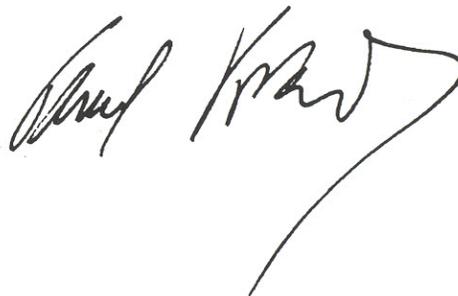
Dear Mr Chairman,

I am using this opportunity to inform you of the position of the Czech side on the proposal of the U.S. Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad for the negotiation of a new Agreement between the Czech Republic and the United States of America on the Protection and Preservation of Certain Cultural Properties you sent me on October 24, 2002.

Both the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Culture of the Czech Republic have duly examined the text of the draft document. After a thorough comparison of the text of the existing valid Agreement between our countries (Agreement for the Protection and Preservation of Cultural Properties between the Government of the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic and the Government of the United States of America of 1992, hereinafter referred to only as Agreement) and the proposal for a new agreement, and after consultations between the two Ministries we are convinced that the existing valid Agreement provides a suitable framework for our cooperation in the protection of cultural properties. I wish to assure you of our full preparedness to begin its implementation.

I would also like to propose the evaluation, after some time, of the concrete steps in the implementation of the existing Agreement. On its basis we could then consider the need and extent of possible amendment. I am also prepared to meet with you any time to discuss the implementation of the individual provisions of the Agreement.

Yours sincerely,



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