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The Honorable
Richard Lugar
Chairman
Senate Foreign Relations Committee
Washington, DC .

Dear Mr.. Chairman:

In reference to your *review of Under Secretary John Bolton's* nomination to be U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, you recently received a letter from Ms. Melody Townsel making certain. accusations against Mr. Bolton; Ms. Townsel served as our Team Leader on behalf of our sub-contractor, a large public relations firm, on an USAID project in Kyrgyzstan, I came to know of these accusations from an article in yesterday's New York Times. As President and 'owner of IBTCI, I am appalled by the content of her comments. *She has not only made inaccurate and misleading statements as regards our firm's performance on the said project, but also on what transpired after she wrote that letter to USAID* For the record, Ms. Townsel as only one of the five full time consultants on this project which worked for a subcontractor; the balance of the team was from our company. In her allegation, she said that she was forced to write to USAID because of "months of incompetence" of the prime [IBTCI] when she says "my hell began". This letter was a willful attempt on the part of a large sub-contractor to try to take over a highly successful contract from IBTCI, a small, minority owned firm. *Her actions were reported to the authorities at USAID*). As to IBTCI's performance on the project, it was rated as "excellent" by USAID and highly commended by the host country counterpart. This will provide you with flair of Ms. Townsel's character and ethical standards,

To the best of my knowledge, Ms. Townsel had limited contact with Mr. Bolton, who at the time she claims was hostile to her, was working on another project for IBTCI in Moscow (Healthy Russia 2000). Ms. Townsel's recollection of what transpired, ten years later, is impossible to square with the fact Mr. Bolton was not engaged by our firm to have any contact with her on any issue related to her activities in Kyrgyzstan. In fact, later Mr. Bolton became our legal counsel to represent our interests before the U.S. Government in response to Ms. Townsel's efforts to try to grab our contract. Her claims against Mr. Bolton make no sense but are consistent with her belligerent attitudes towards others.

In fact, Ms. Townsel's professional performance is central to understanding her behavior and her extreme hostility to anyone associated with our company. As a Team Leader, she attempted unsuccessfully to charge the U.S. government for disallowable costs. She became

enraged and abusive when our Business Manager, Auditor, and Executive Vice President each questioned these activities/costs, The situation was so serious that we had to post an expatriate from Head Office to our project office in Kyrgyzstan to ensure that proper accounts were maintained as we had lost

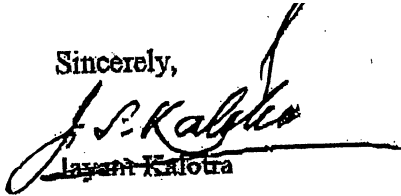
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confidence in her business and billing practices. Her poor performance, treatment of other employees and attempt to take over our contract became issues; and thus I was required to step in and remove her from her position.

Mr. Bolton's role with IBTCI was unrelated to her activities at the time. At no time did we ask, or seek Mr. Bolton's intervention with her. I certainly did not hear, contemporaneously; from any other employee in Moscow that anything occurred between Mr. Bolton and Ms Townsel in *Moscow, Consequently*, it is difficult to understand how Ms. Townsel could make such accusations *with any veracity*.

Mr. Bolton worked with our company both as an employee and a counselor. We found him to very intelligent, hard working, loyal and highly ethical, Mr. Bolton's work for IBTCI, a minority owned firm also confirms his ability to work with people of different ethnicity and backgrounds.

Sincerely,


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