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Dear Ms Tate

I am writing to thank you for your leadership role in the First Worldwide Cybersecurity Summit in Dallas last week.

The Summit aimed to mobilize new levels of attention to the international policy dimensions of cybersecurity, both for the private sector and governments. Discussions at the Summit, both in public and private, confirmed that there are large gaps in global arrangements to promote discreet aspects of cybersecurity, especially where important countries like China and Russia are concerned. There is considerable opportunity for new private-public partnerships in various practical areas.

The Summit saw the tabling of scores of distinct recommendations and follow-up “action plans” to address vulnerabilities and threats. The event generated excellent media coverage around the world. Participants in the events rated the Summit highly for its addressing of un-met, high priority needs and looked forward to the convening of the second Summit in London in mid-2011.

Reports from the Summit will be issued progressively as they are finalized. We will keep you informed. The challenge for the EastWest Institute will be to prioritize the recommendations and devise an action plan in a short time frame that maintains the momentum generated by the Dallas Summit. We will set up small groups of key stakeholders to take forward the top four or five recommendations emerging from the Summit. We have dubbed this plan of work the “Dallas Process”.

Thank you for your time and effort in Dallas and in making the Summit such a success. We look forward to working with you duration of this year leading to the next summit in London in mid-2011.

Yours sincerely

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