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Mr. Allen P. Stayman
Deputy Assistant Secretary
Director
Office of Insular Affairs
U.S. Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Mr. Stayman:

Thank you for your September 2, 1997, letter to Tara O'Toole regarding Neil Barss. Neil has been a valuable member of my staff, and I thank you for your taking the time to recognize his skills and accomplishments.

As part of the Department's ongoing reduction in force (RIF), a number of positions in my office, including Neil's, have been proposed for abolishment. The Department's RIF procedures, if and when they are implemented, preclude us from pursuing the solution you have suggested for retaining his services.

As you know, Neil is a qualified and capable individual who would be an asset to any organization, and I am doing what I can to assist him in finding a new job. To this end, I would appreciate knowing if you are aware of any vacancies in your office (or elsewhere) for which he may be qualified. Please contact me at 301-903-5926 with any information which might be of assistance to Neil in his job search.

Sincerely,

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