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The Honorable Condoleezza Rice
Secretary of State
U.S. Department of State
Washington, DC 20520

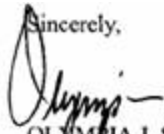
Dear Secretary Rice:

I write in regard to U.S. policy concerning the ongoing dispute between Greece and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM) over the latter's name. As I have expressed to you in previous correspondence, the administration's hasty November 2004 recognition of FYROM under the name "Republic of Macedonia" in the midst of efforts by Greece and the United Nations to resolve the disagreement through negotiations undercut the momentum of the UN-sponsored process, which continues with little progress made to date. As this effort languishes due to a lack of engagement by FYROM and inadequate pressure from the administration, distasteful irredentist and anti-Greek propaganda continues to feature in FYROM's schools and official events.

In a November 16, 2004 letter to Greek Prime Minister Kostas Karamanlis following the administration's decision to recognize FYROM by the disputed name, President Bush pledged that "the United States will continue to support the United Nations effort to forge a solution to the Macedonia name issue. We will embrace any solution that emerges from these negotiations." With reference to this commitment to the Government and people of Greece, I respectfully request that you confirm that the administration will: 1) encourage FYROM to stop the utilization of materials that violate provisions of the United Nations-brokered Interim Agreement between FYROM and Greece regarding "hostile activities or propaganda" and work with the United Nations and Greece to achieve longstanding United States and United Nations policy goals of finding a mutually acceptable official name for FYROM, and 2) recognize FYROM by the name which is agreed upon by Greece and FYROM, should the two countries decide on a mutually acceptable name.

Your confirmation of these policies as soon as possible would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



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