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Your Excellency,

On behalf of the American people and our Embassy here in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, please allow me the honor and distinction of thanking Luxembourgers everywhere for the wonderful reception we received and the relationship and friendship we share. Your hospitality and graciousness to (i) the sixteen United States Ambassadors from across Europe, (ii) the Space Delegation exploring new ways to work together, and (iii) the senior government officials assigned to move things forward was notable and impressive.

Since my arrival as the 23rd United States Ambassador to the Grand Duchy, you have proven your commitment to building an even stronger bond between our countries through dialogue by talking and working together at every level of government for the mutual good and safety of all. These have not been challenge-free times with Brexit, COVID, international tensions, and financial stresses that test even the strongest economies and governments.

In times like these, true leadership, straight talk, and shared values prove to be the cornerstones upon which even stronger alliances can be built and stability restored sooner rather than later. Who could have known that when world leaders and heads of state came together last December to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge that a global pandemic loomed on the horizon.

Much more work needs to be done, but do it we must – working together just as we did 75 years ago and in the time I have been Ambassador. There will be more challenges as history passes us by, but we know from these moments together that we do not have to face them alone.

Buzz Aldrin talked to us about walking on the moon; Secretary Ross described new relationships to lead us forward; Speaker Pelosi pledged us to a stronger future capable of withstanding the most difficult times; and now, with U.S. Ambassadors and leaders from across the world coming together here in this beautiful and enduring country, you and I have proven just how much we can get done working together helping each other in the name of life, liberty, and freedom.

Thank you again for once again proving what the bonds of friendship can help us do in times of need. May God continue to bless the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and the United States of America.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "J. Randy Evans". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

U.S. Ambassador J. Randolph Evans