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Mr. Odd Berner Malme  
Politinspektør, Oslo Police

Mr. Leif Seljesaeter  
Politinspektør, POT

Dear Sirs:

I would like to inform you of the U.S. Embassy's formation of an Observation Group specifically deployed to provide Surveillance Detection coverage of our official facilities. These eight individuals, six of whom are former Norwegian Police (and/or) POT officers will be deployed in a plain clothes manner, 7 days a week on varying schedules to supplement and enhance our uniformed local guard force coverage.

I want to ensure both of your Agencies, that the specific function of this unit is to detect suspected surveillance of our facilities and to report it in sufficient detail to identify the surveillants. The Observation Group is not intended to act in place of the Norwegian Police and Security Service, but instead to complement these agencies functions. Experience has taught us that terrorist, and to a lesser degree, criminal attacks, are preceded by pre-operational surveillance. Thus the goal of the Observation Group is to identify suspect surveillance and/or suspicious activities and to coordinate our response with your agencies to neutralize any terrorist or criminal attack.

We will commence a 40-hour block of instruction for the Observation Group on Monday May 8 at 0900. The training will be conducted by 4 contract personnel based in the U.S. and will be held at the Ambassadors Residence, 28 Nobelsgate, Oslo. The training will include several practical "field" exercises and continue daily through Friday from 0800-1700.

I would like to extend an invitation to your respective divisions to send an officer to attend this training session (or portions thereof) to monitor the course of instruction. I look forward to working closely with both of you in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

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