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The Honorable John Negroponte
Ambassador
American Embassy, Tegucigalpa
A.P.O., Miami, Florida 34022

Dear Ambassador Negroponte:

An issue that I was unable to raise with you during your confirmation hearing pertains to the matter of the International Maritime Organization Protocols to the Civil Liability and Oil Spill Fund Conventions negotiated last year. Concern has been raised as to their viability and the extent to which they serve United States interests.

I was pleased that the Department of State ordered an internal review of these Protocols rather than transmitting them immediately to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee for consideration.

In my opinion, Mr. Ambassador, these Protocols are going to require in-depth review and reconsideration. Further, I hope that you will consult with members of the Committee before formally submitting them to the Senate for its advice and consent.

Please let me know as soon as possible the Department's views regarding the Protocols and their implications for United States interests.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Frank H. Murkowski
United States Senator

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