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Dear Council Members:

I am writing to you with regard to the forthcoming Council meeting, and to invite you to join me at two events that we are organizing for Council Members.

Following our established practice, I am pleased to invite you, or your Alternate should you be unavailable, to *lunch at 1:00 PM on Tuesday, May 18*, the day preceding the next Council meeting. The lunch will be held in the *Concorde Room at the Hay Adams Hotel*, *Sixteenth & H Streets, N.W., (Tel: 202 638 6600)*. Getting together in such a setting should provide a good opportunity to informally exchange views among all Members before the Council meeting on a number of recent developments and emerging issues of interest to the GEF.

In addition, I would also like to invite you, or your Alternate should you be unavailable, to join me for *dinner at 7:00PM on Wednesday, May 19*. The dinner will be also be held at the *Hay Adams Hotel, in the John Hay Room*. At the dinner. I would like to share, after ten months on the job, my perspectives on the GEF and directions for the future, and of course, to get Council's reactions. You will recall that I originally proposed we allow some time for such a conversation during the Council meeting. However, after reviewing the very substantial agenda for the meeting, I concluded that it would be preferable to identify a suitable opportunity outside of the formal agenda.

I hope that your schedule permits you to attend both the lunch and dinner. I would appreciate it if you would let me know by May 7, whether you or your Alternate will be attending.

I am looking forward to seeing you next month.

Sincerely,

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