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Mr. Yuri Salnikov
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Dear Mr. Salnikov:

Thank you for your February 6 letter requesting information to assist you in furthering your search for the N-209 aircraft. As you may be aware, the Bilateral Presidential Commission (BPC), along with funds for BPC projects, has been suspended indefinitely. Nevertheless, you and your Alaskan colleagues are welcome to apply for other types of funding, including the U.S. Embassy's Peer to Peer program.

I am glad to hear that you are working together with the University of Alaska and that you are in touch with Alaskan communities close to the search area. As you know, we are very supportive of people-to-people ties between our two countries. Your project is a perfect example of how we can work together to reach common goals.

I wish you the best of luck in your search for the Levanevsky plane.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John F. Tefft".

John F. Tefft

United States Ambassador to Russia