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Office of International and Tribal Affairs

Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy
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Dear Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy:

It is with great appreciation that I write to thank you and your wonderful staff for the outstanding support they provided leading up to and during the recent visit of EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt to Rome and Bologna. There is no question that this was a tough undertaking. This was the first international mission with a new team following the transition, our dates changed at the last minute, and we arrived at a time of controversy with our traditional allies. Throughout these challenges, your team remained professional, patient, good-natured, and truly helpful.

I would like to start by thanking you personally for your understanding and your presence during Administrator Pruitt's meeting with Archbishop Gallagher. Your presence was very helpful. In addition, Peter Martin made sure that we had the resources we needed to carry out the mission. Finally, I cannot say enough about the outstanding support we received from Emmet Sapp. He provided excellent guidance, was extremely patient, demonstratively flexible, and supported us professionally from beginning to end.

We were very impressed and appreciative of the professionalism and graciousness of your team. They made a very challenging situation much better and assured that we had a positive outcome for Administrator Pruitt. Please know that we understand and value the contribution that your team made to this success. They are true professionals who served us extremely well.

Sincerely,

Jane Nishida
Acting Assistant Administrator

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