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Dear Mr. Secretary-General:

In accordance with Article 5, paragraph 1, of the Agreement on the Rescue of Astronauts, the Return of Astronauts and the Return of Objects Launched into Outer Space, I have the honor to inform Your Excellency that the Government of the United States has discovered an object which it believes to be a component part of a space vehicle. The object, which washed ashore on the coast of Alaska, is a metal sphere approximately one foot in diameter, weighing about 32 pounds. It bears no markings of any kind, other than burn marks indicating a return from space.

The object is not of United States origin, and is presumed to be a component of a space vehicle launched by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. The United States is therefore also notifying the Soviet Government, in accordance with the provision cited above of the astronauts rescue and return agreement, that the space object has been recovered and is being held at the disposal of representatives of the Soviet Union.

Accept, Mr. Secretary-General, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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Mr. Charles W. Yost
Permanent Representative of the
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His Excellency
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