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His Excellency Ban Ki-moon
Secretary General
United Nations Headquarters
First Avenue at 46th Street
New York, NY 10017

Dear Mr. Secretary General:

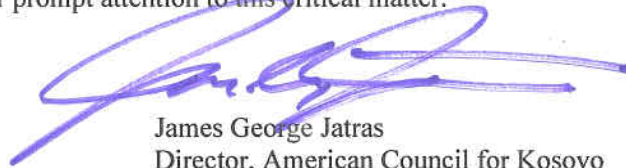
I am writing to you with respect to a matter of great urgency in light of your stated commitment to anti-corruption and the numerous questions that have been raised concerning past standards of ethics and accountability at the UN.

Attached is a *Defense & Foreign Affairs Special Analysis* dated July 10, 2007, entitled "**Evidence That UN Special Envoy for Kosovo Martti Ahtisaari Received Albanian Mafia Bribes for Kosovo Independence.**" Issued by the Global Information System (GIS) of the Washington-based International Strategic Studies Association (ISSA), the analysis states GIS's confirmation, from its independent research and sources, of the existence of a report to you by the German intelligence service BND (*Bundesnachrichtendienst*) regarding payments made to Mr. Ahtisaari by Albanian organized crime figures.

You are to be commended for your insistence that "we must hold all UN employees to the highest standards of integrity and ethical behaviour" (address to the Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, DC, January 16, 2007), and your pledge of a "zero tolerance" standard against corruption at the UN. On that basis, it is clear that these charges against Mr. Ahtisaari must not be dismissed without due inquiry. I respectfully request that you respond for the record to the following questions:

1. Will you confirm or deny the existence of the BND report described in the *GIS/D&FA Special Analysis*?
2. Will you disclose when this matter was referred to the recently established UN Ethics Office, which reports directly to you, and what has been that office's action to date?

Thank you for your prompt attention to this critical matter.



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