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The Honorable Donald M. Blinken
Ambassador of the United States
American Embassy Budapest
State Department Pouch Room
Washington DC 20521-5270

Dear Ambassador Blinken

I wish to express our sincere appreciation for the American Embassy's support of the Security Assistance Management Course presented to Hungarian, Czech, and Slovak students at the Zrinyi Miklos Academy during the week of 22 April. Your personal participation in the graduation ceremony on 26 April really meant a lot to the students and the DISAM faculty members, and we thank you for taking time from your busy schedule to support that event. Also, Colonel Szurgyi's participation in the luncheon following the graduation was appreciated by the DISAM team as well as the Hungarian hosts.

Our DISAM team members -- Dr. Larry Mortsof, Major Greg Bilhartz, and Mr. Bob Hanseman -- were most grateful to Lieutenant Colonel Strang and Sergeant First Class Powell for all their efforts in providing administrative support and for arranging the social event during the evening of 24 April. SFC Powell was the Embassy point of contact for several months leading up to the course and spent numerous hours during the course seeing that various administrative needs were met. The support of the Security Assistance Office was, indeed, instrumental to the success of the course.

Please convey our gratitude to your Embassy team for a job well done.

Sincerely

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Colonel, USAF
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