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Academician Yuri Balega  
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Dear Dr. Balega:

On behalf of the Office of the Environment, Science, Technology, and Health at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow, I am writing to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation for your hospitality yesterday. Please also pass my thanks to Ms. Glukhovtseva for organizing the very productive meeting and kindly giving us an expert tour of the historic building. I welcome your suggestions for renewing the bilateral agreement between the Russian Academy of Sciences and the U.S. National Academies, and look forward to facilitating this important step in support of cooperation between the scientists of our two countries. To quote Louis Pasteur, "Science knows no country, because knowledge belongs to humanity, and is the torch which illuminates the world."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Tony Fernandes".

Tony Fernandes  
Counselor for Environment, Science, Technology, and Health