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Mr. Marc Rotenberg  
President  
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Dear Mr. Rotenberg:

Secretary Clinton has asked me to respond to your letter of January 28, 2010 regarding Council of Europe Convention 108. I appreciate the advice that you and your co-signatories have provided on an important and timely issue.

My office carries out the U.S. Department of State's mandate to formulate, coordinate, and oversee U.S. foreign policy related to international communications and information policy. We currently are and will continue to be engaged in numerous dialogues with international interlocutors occasioned by the vast changes in technology that have occurred over the last thirty years. Issues of privacy, data protection, intermediary liability, and jurisdiction, among others, are central to these dialogues. The Council of Europe Convention is one important consideration among many that will inform these discussions.

Thank you again for sharing your views.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Philip L. Verveer", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Philip L. Verveer  
Ambassador

U.S. Coordinator for International  
Communications & Information Policy