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Dear Mr. Baguirov:

Thank you for your kind invitation to attend the USAN conference being held in Washington, DC on October 1st and 2nd. I am sorry that other business matters here in Richmond, Virginia prevent my attendance at the conference. I extend to you and your guests my sincerest wishes for a successful event.

My wife, Elizabeth, and I have had the good fortune to travel outside the United States in the past. We have been glad for those opportunities not only to experience other cultures and traditions but also to come back home and be proud of what we share as Americans. I do feel, though, that particularly in more difficult times such as these months of financial turmoil, many Americans overlook the richness of our country. I strongly believe that those who relocate to the United States from other countries bring a contagious awareness of goodness to this country which provides a necessary and welcome rejuvenation to our society. I am personally grateful and thankful to the Azerbaijani-American community for their political, social and economic contributions toward the enhancement of American goals with respect to Azerbaijan.

I look forward to following the progress of USAN efforts and its accomplishments.

Respectfully,


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