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April 9, 1998

Howard M. Holtzmann, Esq. 630 Fifth Avenue, Suite 200 New York, NY 10111-0100

Dear Mr. Holtzmann,

I am writing on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Independent Claims Resolution Foundation to provide you with formal notification of your selection as an arbitrator of the Claims Resolution Tribunal for Dormant Accounts in Switzerland.

I would like to confirm that at a meeting of the Board of Trustees on April 6, 1998, you were unanimously selected to serve as one of the members of the Tribunal. As you know, the Tribunal has been established to provide for the impartial adjudication of claims to ownership of dormant accounts identified by Swiss banks and the investigation of the Independent Association of Eminent Persons.

I have asked Dr. Hans Michael Riemer, Chairman of the Tribunal, to be in contact with you to make the necessary arrangements to begin your service as a Tribunal arbitrator. The members of the Tribunal will have a heavy workload dealing with the more than 7,500 claims that have already been filed.

The Board of Trustees greatly appreciates your willingness to devote a substantial amount of your time and energy to this critical task, and wishes you well in carrying out this historic endeavor.

Sincerely,

Paul A. Volcker

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HOWARD M. HOLTZMANN

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All the best,

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All the best,

JUDGE HOWARD M. HOLTZMANN

Judge Holtzmann was the senior United States member of the Iran-U.S. Claims Tribunal in The Hague for almost 14 years, beginning in 1981. Since returning to the United States he has established his own office in the International Building at Rockefeller Center, New York, where he concentrates on international arbitration activities.

Arbitral Experience includes:

- Member, Iran-U.S. Claims Tribunal at The Hague conducting a large number of international commercial arbitration and other cases.
- Arbitrator in other international cases, including under the rules of AAA, ICC, UNCITRAL, Stockholm Chamber of Commerce, British Columbia International Commercial Arbitration Centre, and in <u>ad hoc</u> cases. Venues include New York, Paris, Hong Kong, London, Stockholm, The Hague and Brussels, and Vancouver.
- Counsel in numerous international arbitration proceedings.
- Headed delegations of the United States to UNCITRAL during the preparation of the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules, the UNCITRAL Model Arbitration Law, the UNCITRAL Conciliation Rules and the UNCITRAL Notes on Organizing Arbitral Proceedings.
- Past Chairman of the Board, American Arbitration Association; currently Chairman of its International Arbitration Committee.
- Vice Chairman, International Council for Commercial Arbitration.
- Vice Chairman, ICC Arbitration Commission.
- Rapporteur and member of Steering Committee, Permanent Court of Arbitration, The Hague.
- Member, Advisory Board, Bahrain Arbitration Centre.
- Member, Advisory Committee, Stockholm Chamber of Commerce.
- Member, Club of Arbitrators, Milan.
- Head, legal teams that negotiated arbitration procedures for use in U.S. Trade with Russia, Hungary, Poland, the then Czechoslovakia, and the former East Germany.
- Member of panels of various arbitration institutions, including in U.S.A., Stockholm, Cairo, China, Russia and Kuala Lumpur.
- Chairman of Joint Committee of American Bar Association and American Arbitration Association that prepared the Code of Ethics for Arbitrators in Commercial Disputes.

Publications and Speaking on Arbitration and International Law.

- Co-Author (with J.E. Neuhaus) of A Guide to the UNCITRAL Model Law on International Commercial Arbitration: Legislative History and Commentary, awarded 1991 Certificate of Merit of the American Society of International law for best book "for high technical craftsmanship and high utility to practicing lawyers and scholars".
- Editor, author of arbitration chapter in A New Look at Doing Business in China. (PLI)
- Author of about 20 book chapters and over 100 articles.
- Frequent speaker, or chairman, at international arbitration conferences and law schools.

Business Law Experience

- Former senior partner, law firm with offices in New York City and Palo Alto, California, 1949-1995 (on leave while serving on Iran-U.S. Claims Tribunal); practice included corporate representation in a wide variety of domestic and international matters.
- Director at various times of several publicly-owned corporations traded on N.Y. Stock Exchange, including Syntex Corporation (pharmaceuticals); Ogden Corporation (diversified); AMBAC Industries (manufacturing); Bunker-Ramo Corporation (electronics); and CF&I Steel Corporation (steel).

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