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State of Texas

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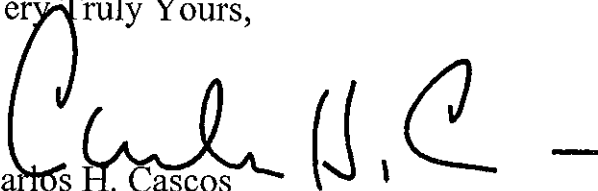
The Honorable Alexander K. Zakharov
Consulate General of Russia
1333 West Loop South, Ste. 1300
Houston, Texas 77027

Dear Mr. Zakharov:

Thank you for your note expressing an interest in visiting a polling station in Harris County during the upcoming presidential election on November 8, 2016. Please note that only persons authorized by law may be inside of a polling location during voting. All other persons are not authorized and would be committing a class C misdemeanor crime by entering.

We are unable to accommodate your request to visit a polling station; however, our office is available to discuss generally the election process or perhaps facilitate a meeting with local election officials in Harris County to go over that general process with your representatives. Please let us know if you would like for us to arrange such a meeting.

Very Truly Yours,


Carlos H. Cascos



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POLITICAL DIVISION

The Honorable Carlos H. Cascos
Texas Secretary of State
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September 24th, 2016

Dear Secretary Cascos,

While presenting our compliments, hereby would like to kindly request you for an assistance in allowing the officer of the Consulate General of the Russian Federation in Houston to be present (for a short period of time, when convenient) at one of the ballot station of Texas with the goal of studying the US experience in organization of voting process during The United States Presidential Elections on November 8th, 2016.

Your reply would be highly appreciated.

Best regards,

Alexander K. Zakharov
Consul General