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Dear Colleagues:

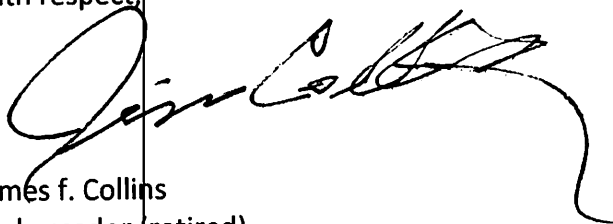
As the Institute of the U.S.A. and Canada marks its fiftieth anniversary please accept my deepest and warmest congratulations and best wishes.

In the half century since its founding the scholars at the Institute have made a vital contribution to increasing understanding of the United States in Russia. Their work and creative ideas have often provided critical perspective to permit Russian and American leaders to find common ground in advancing the security and well being of our two peoples. And the Institute's training of Russia's young America scholars has ensured a continued reservoir of essential expertise about my country among the coming generation of Russia leaders.

As an American diplomat and Ambassador in Moscow, I valued the open dialog with the Institute's leaders and staff and the insights they provided over four decades. And I know as well that colleagues have continued to look to the Institute as a valued partner in pursuit of greater mutual understanding between our two nations.

Let me express my deepest regard for what the Institute of the U.S A. and Canada has achieved in its first fifty years and my best wishes for continued success of the scholars, students and staff of the Institute as you begin the next half century.

With respect,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James Collins', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

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