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Dear Mr. Bowersox,

It is my pleasure to extend to you an invitation to participate in the Emerald Express 2009 Symposium, 8-9 April 2009, hosted by the Marine Corps University at the Gray Research Center, Marine Corps Base Quantico, Virginia.

"Emerald Express: Afghanistan at the Crossroads" is a two-day symposium that gathers senior leadership from the U.S. Department of Defense and other U.S. Government agencies, foreign government and non-governmental agency representatives, and scholars to examine the integration of all elements of national influence in the pursuit of national security objectives in Afghanistan. The symposium will analyze major security concerns in Afghanistan; assess interagency coordination requirements for the operational application of all elements of national influence; strengthen relationships between civilian and military leaders; and discuss how to better coordinate across interagency, private sector, and non-governmental organizational boundaries.

As you will see in the attached agenda, we have participation from very senior officials from the Afghanistan government, distinguished scholars, and senior allied partners operating in South Asia. I hope you will be able to join us for this event as your experience and insight on subjects relating to this conference would be invaluable to the attendees. Please RSVP and register no later than 17 February 2009 at the following website with code EE2009: <http://www.regonline.com/EE2009>. For assistance with registration or if you have any questions, please contact Major Philip Cushman, U.S. Marines (tel: 703-432-4835; email: [philip.cushman@usmc.mil](mailto:philip.cushman@usmc.mil)).

We look forward to seeing you at the symposium.

Semper Fidelis,

DONALD R. GARDNER  
President  
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