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Mr. Vyacheslav Kostikov
Presidential Press Secretary
Russian Federation
The Kremlin
Moscow, Russia

Dear Mr. Kostikov:

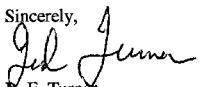
Thank you for your letter of January 18, 1994, on behalf of Russian Federation President Boris Yeltsin. We regret the President will not be able to join us in Atlanta for the *CNN World Report Contributors Conference* but we do appreciate his warm wishes.

In the absence of Mr. Yeltsin, we would be honored if you, Mr. Kostikov, would speak to this distinguished group of international broadcasters. Your insight into events in Russia would be of paramount interest to the delegates who are closely following events in your country.

We hope you will be able to represent the Russian Federation at this international gathering of journalists, a meeting unparalleled in the world. If you accept, we will arrange your travel to Atlanta and CNN Center.

If you have any questions about this invitation, your office can contact Nancy Peckenham Executive Producer of *World Report*. Her direct telephone line is 404-827-3968; fax 404-827-3294; telex 49618155.

We look forward to hearing from you to confirm your appearance at the Conference.

Sincerely,

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