

DEAR MR. FISCHER:

AS YOU LEAVE OFFICE, I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS AS PRIME MINISTER OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC. I KNOW THAT YOU CAME TO OFFICE AT A CHALLENGING TIME, AND I WANT TO COMMEND YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND STEADY HAND. YOUR TENURE AS PRIME MINISTER WAS MARKED BY INVIGORATED RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE CZECH REPUBLIC AND MORE ROBUST TRANSATLANTIC COOPERATION.

I WANT TO REITERATE MY APPRECIATION TO YOU FOR YOUR EXTRAORDINARY HOSPITALITY DURING MY VISIT TO PRAGUE DURING YOUR TENURE. BOTH THAT VISIT AND MY PREVIOUS TRIP TO YOUR BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY WERE A SUCCESS, AND BOTH VISITS WILL FORM PART OF THE SHARED HISTORY BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE CZECH REPUBLIC.

THE UNITED STATES VALUES ITS FRIENDSHIP WITH THE CZECH REPUBLIC, WHICH YOU HELPED TO DEEPEN AND STRENGTHEN DURING YOUR TENURE AS PRIME MINISTER. AS YOU TAKE UP YOUR NEW RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE EUROPEAN BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT, I WISH YOU EVERY POSSIBLE SUCCESS IN THIS AND IN YOUR OTHER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

SINCERELY,
BARACK OBAMA