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Mr. James McDermond Assistant Director Office of Strategic Intelligence and Information Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives 99 New York Avenue, NE Washington, DC 20226

Dear Director McDermond,

I am pleased to advise you that Executive Board of the International Association of Bomb Technicians and Investigators voted unanimously at our Mid-year Board Meeting, December 8, 2009, to endorse the Bomb Arson Tracking System (BATS).

As professionals charged with combating the criminal and terrorist use of explosives worldwide our members recognize what a tremendous tool BATS is, and will continue to be, in assisting them in their assigned responsibilities. We have worked cooperatively with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives in providing training in the proper use of BATS at our Regional Training Conferences for the past several years and hope to continue this collaboration.

We are urging all of our members, and other professionals in the field of bomb disposal and investigation, to fully utilize the Bomb Arson Tracking System and make it the excellent tool it can be. We know that to be truly effective it needs participation from all members of the community and the IABTI is committed to supporting that goal.

In closing, we would like to thank the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives for taking the lead in developing and maintaining this valuable tool for the bomb and arson investigation community, and for your continued support of the mission of the International Association of Bomb Technicians and Investigators.

Sincerely.

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