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Mr. Malcolm Turner, President
The World Leadership Forum Ltd.
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RE: 2006 World Leadership Awards

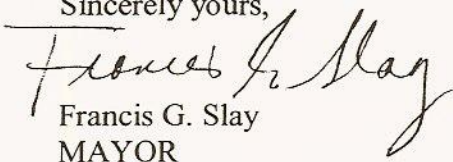
Dear Mr. Turner:

Thank you very much for inviting the City of St. Louis to apply for a World Leadership Award. Per your request, I am writing to let you know that we do plan on submitting an entry, and we would welcome the favorable publicity that we would receive if we won or even if we were a finalist.

I believe that the story of our turnaround meets your award criteria—it is inspiring, it is a demonstration of a variety of obstacles overcome, and it demonstrates leadership, not just leadership in City government but leadership in an entire community.

I look forward to seeing you in London some day. Again, thank you for the invitation. We very much appreciate it.

Sincerely yours,


Francis G. Slay
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