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Beverly Brown
Lucky B Bison
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Dear Ms. Brown,

I am writing to express my sincere appreciation for hosting our conference group on May 1, 2012. The conference was part of the NIC's Global Trends series which provides forecast reports on the impact of critical topics to a worldwide audience. The conference covered the topic of "*The Future of American Power*," examining how economic trends intersect with global security strategies. The conference featured prominent experts from around the world representing universities (e.g., Massachusetts Institute of Technology, London School of Economics), government (e.g., Office of Management and Budget, State Department), think tanks (e.g., Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC)), and media (e.g., *Financial Times*). By hosting this event, Texas A&M University faculty and students had the opportunity to contribute critical information to the report and receive acknowledgement on a global stage.

Our high profile guests were delighted with the visit to the Lucky B Bison Ranch and enjoyed the opportunity to learn more about your herd and the bison business. Everyone was complimentary about the menu of bison burgers, and you have some new converts to bison meat. It was quite fun to hear our guests' reactions to the herd and menu, as many of them are from the east coast of the United States and from other countries and do not have anything like this in their geographic areas. The visit was the highlight of the conference for everyone.

We at the Scowcroft Institute of International Affairs and the Bush School of Government and Public Service are incredibly appreciative to have such a great resource in the Lucky B Bison Ranch, and we will continue to bring future guests to you.

Many thanks,

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