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Secretary
Federal Trade Commission
Room H-159
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20580

Re: **Advisory Committee on Online Access and Security -- Nomination, P004807**

Dear Sir or Madam:

I would be honored if the Federal Trade Commission would consider me as an appropriate candidate for membership on its Advisory Committee on Online Access and Security.

I have a long history and involvement in online access and security issues. I was General Counsel of the National Security Agency from 1992 to 1994. I was recently named chair of the Legal Panel on the Defense Science Board's newly established Task Force on Information Warfare Defense and served on the DSB's predecessor panel in 1995-96. In addition, I served as organizer and counsel to the Information Security Exploratory Committee.

I am currently serving as a member of the President's Export Council Subcommittee on Encryption, the Free Trade Area of the Americas Experts Committee on Electronic Commerce, and the UNCITRAL Group of Experts on Digital Signatures. I also served as a member of the U.S. Delegation to the OECD Group of Experts on Cryptography Policy (1995-97) and on the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Group of Experts on Electronic Commerce (1996-1998)

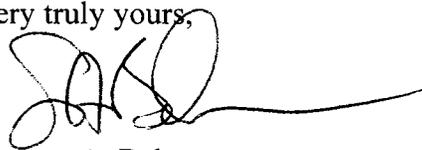
I have advised numerous private clients on issues involving online access and security. Among those I have advised are computer security and service firms, defense contractors, members of the computer hardware industry, software producers, the banking industry, wireless and wireline telephone equipment manufacturers, and Internet merchants.

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I have also written widely on electronic commerce issues, including *The Limits of Trust – Cryptography, Governments, and Electronic Commerce* (Kluwer International, 1998)

A copy of my biography is enclosed.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'SAB', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Stewart A. Baker

Enclosure

Stewart A. Baker has been described by *The Washington Post* (November 20, 1999) as “one of the most techno-literate lawyers around.” His practice includes issues relating to national security, electronic surveillance, digital commerce, encryption, privacy, and export controls. He has advised hardware and software companies on US export controls and on foreign import controls on encryption. He represents major telecommunications equipment manufacturers and carriers in connection with the Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act (“CALEA”) and law enforcement intercept requirements. In the area of authentication and digital signatures, his clients include major banks, mortgage companies, and credit card associations, as well as technology companies.

Mr. Baker is the former General Counsel of the National Security Agency (1992-1994) and author of the book, *The Limits of Trust: Cryptography, Governments, and Electronic Commerce* (1998), as well as various other publications and articles on electronic commerce and international trade. Earlier in his career, Mr. Baker was a law clerk to John Paul Stevens, US Supreme Court (1977-78), Frank M. Coffin, US Court of Appeals, First Circuit (1976-77), and Shirley M. Hufstedler, US Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit (1975).

Mr. Baker has been named to numerous US government and international bodies dealing with electronic commerce and related topics, including: President’s Export Council Subcommittee on Encryption (1998-present); Defense Science Board’s Task Force on Information Warfare (1995-1996; and 1999-present); Free Trade of the Americas Experts Committee on Electronic Commerce (1998-present); UNCITRAL Group of Experts on Digital Signatures (1997-present); OECD Group of Experts on Cryptography Policy (1995-1997); International Telecommunication Union Experts Group on Authentication; American Bar Association Task Force on International Notarial Issues (1996-1998); International Chamber of Commerce Working Party on Digital Authentication (1996-1998); OECD Experts’ Group on Authentication and Electronic Signatures; International Chamber of Commerce Group of Experts on Electronic Commerce (1996-present).