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Attn: Mark J. Slovensky & Ronald J.

Lawson Dear Gentlemen,

Please allow this letter to express our sincere gratitude to you and the Gold Shield Group for your expert services since 1996 concerning the Exclusive Armed Executive Protection and Security for our 14 Hotel Properties within the New York Manhattan Area.

It is our intention to continue using your services and look forward to a long and mutually satisfying relationship.



Riyaz Khtar  
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