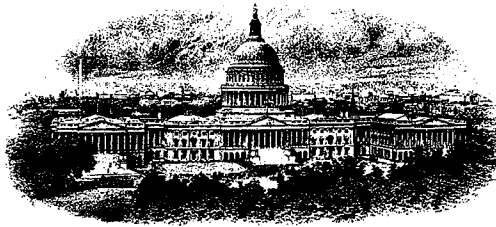


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Dear Mr. Spirou:

As founding Co-Chairman of the Congressional Human Rights Caucus (CHRC), a bi-cameral and bi-partisan working group of over 240 House and Senate Members, I would like to extend an invitation to you to participate in a Members' Briefing on the Agia Sophia in Istanbul, Turkey. The briefing is scheduled for June 20th, 2007 at 2:00 p.m., and will take place on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C.

The Members of the Human Rights Caucus would greatly benefit from your expertise as President of the "Free Agia Sophia Council of America." The briefing will explore the long religious history of the renowned early Byzantine cathedral, and its importance to Eastern Orthodox Christianity.

In addition, we have also invited your Vice Chairs of the Council, Raymond Buckley and Leonidas Raptakis, as well as your Counsel, Mr. Steven M. Schneebaum (Shareholder, Greenberg Traurig LLP), to participate in this briefing.

I am looking forward to welcoming you and your colleagues to the Caucus, and to hear your important testimony on this subject. Please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions you may have, or if we can be of any assistance to you.

Cordially,

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