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Dr. James P. Bruce  
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Dear Dr. Bruce,

When Alfred Nobel's will was opened in 1896, the world was amazed to learn that he devoted most of his huge fortune to establish "prizes to those who, during the preceding year, shall have conferred the greatest benefit to mankind." Congratulations on joining this select company of men and women who have improved our lives by improving our understanding of science. Your leadership in helping to launch the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) may not be widely known to the public, but it is much appreciated by your IJC family and by the people of the our two nations.

Today, as a recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize, the IPCC is almost as well known as its most vocal proponent, former Vice President Al Gore. But there was only one person in the room nearly 20 years ago when the terms of reference for the IPCC were drafted, and we are grateful you were that person. In addition, you went to the United Nations Environmental Program and brought them on board and later convened the first IPCC meeting in Geneva in 1988. So, even though the room may be crowded in Oslo when the prize is awarded, we will know that one scientist's vision and dedication deserves special recognition and praise.

Finally, we trust that you and Ruth will have a trip of a lifetime next week. We also trust that you will return, just as humble, just as thoughtful and just as committed to advancing the frontiers of science to benefit people worldwide.

Sincerely,

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