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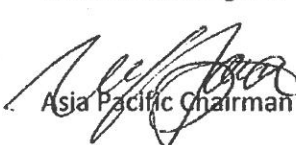
Dear Rockefeller Family:

As the Trilateral Commission opens its 2017 plenary meeting today in Washington, we commemorate the great gift David Rockefeller made to the cause of global engagement and dialogue. David was the principal inspiration for the Commission, which he founded to engage a great economic power, Japan, in dialogue with North America and Europe on problems that he believed required trilateral efforts to fully understand if they were to be addressed in an increasingly interconnected world. The Commission continues that tradition, seeking in its meetings and research to fully appreciate the nature of problems our countries face and can address together.

David not only began the work of the Commission, he led its efforts to expand its membership and global reach throughout its existence. He inspired leaders of business and political life and in academia to make its contributions worthy of respect and attention. He applied the lessons learned from his business, community and philanthropic work to bring a range of voices to our discussions.

We believe that continuing the work of the Commission David founded, including through the Fellows program named in his honor, is the greatest tribute that we can offer his name, but we also wish you to know that each of us, and our entire membership, will miss his engaging, ever gentlemanly presence in our midst. He is well remembered and he will be missed.

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