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The Honorable Nicole A. Avant
American Embassy Nassau
Sent via e-mail

Dear Ambassador Avant:

Congratulations on your nomination for the Sue M. Cobb Award for Exemplary Diplomatic Service. Fourteen Ambassadors were nominated; John V. Roos of Embassy Tokyo was selected as the recipient of this year's award.

The 2011 Selection Committee was chaired by Under Secretary for Management Patrick Kennedy and included Deputy Secretary William Burns (represented by Ms. Uzra Zeya), Deputy Secretary Thomas Nides (represented by Ms. Stephanie Sullivan), Director General Nancy Powell, Director of the Foreign Service Institute Ruth Whiteside, and former Ambassadors Sue Cobb, James Blanchard, and Timothy Chorba.

A bronze memento in recognition of your nomination and of your success in leading your Embassy is being pouched to you. We thank you for your exemplary diplomatic service to our country and wish you continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gail E. Neelon".

Gail E. Neelon
Acting Dean
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