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**REFERENCE LETTER FOR BRIGADIER GENERAL (ret'd) GALATAS IOANNIS, MD**

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am the former Head of Counter Terrorism for the City of London having retired in 2008 after 30 years police service. I have known the Brigadier General for five years having first met him at the 'Safer London' conference where he was presenting his experiences as the head of CBRNE mass casualty response for the 2004 Olympics in Athens. Since that time, I have worked on occasion with Brigadier General Galatas in India and London and I have been able to experience the wealth of knowledge that he has and his ability to impart it to others. I have not worked with Brigadier General Galatas on a permanent basis, but during the time that I have known him, he has been in huge demand internationally at government level which is testimony to the high regard in which he is held.

In addition to working with BG Galatas in different parts of the World, I am an avid reader of 'CBRNE-Terrorism Newsletter' which I know has a wide readership due to its very useful analysis of the CBRNE threat and reflections on methodology and response. All of the articles are incredibly useful because of their relevance and their ability to operationalize.

I have 30 years of Chief Officer experience in the UK's police service. I retired as the Head of Counter Terrorism in the City of London with national responsibilities for counter hostile reconnaissance, a 30 year experience as a senior investigating officer and extensive experience as 'Gold' commander for firearms, siege, public order and CBRN events. I commanded the response to the first explosion that took place on the 7<sup>th</sup> July 2005 in London. In addition to owning my own resilience consultancy (Valentis Bridge Ltd), I am also the Chief Executive of the internationally renowned City Security and Resilience Networks (CSARN) which has bases in the UK and Australia and South East Asia. I Chair the Defence

and Security Group in the London Chamber and the National Business Crime Forum's Crime Prevention Committee.

In addition to the information above, which clearly reflects the criticality of BG Galatas's work, it could be said that his background in Greece is unique and in Europe, rare. I am not aware of any other professional that has the same background, experience and ability to match those of BG Galatas and I am therefore very confident that his contribution within the US would be unsurpassed.

If you require additional information regarding Brigadier General (ret'd) Galatas Ioannis, MD please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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