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# Paladin Associates, Inc.

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In Association with Top Dog America

Office of the Public Liaison  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.  
Washington, DC 20502

October 16, 2001

Dear White House Staff,

Paladin Associates Inc. is a private, non-profit 501 C-3 company dedicated to school and community safety. We utilize the talents of trained and nationally certified canines for the detection of illegal drugs, weapons, and explosives. School safety is our primary focus, but the exceptional abilities of our canines have proven to be extremely effective in other settings as well.

On September 11, 2001, we were at the Sarasota-Bradenton International Airport attending a 911-Appreciation Day when we received a call from the pilot of the chartered White House Press Corps plane. Air Force One had already departed, and the pilot of the Press Corps plane stated that he would not fly until a dog searched the plane. I spoke with the pilot on the phone and explained who we were and what the dogs could do. He promptly arranged for us to be escorted across the runway to the plane. The search went extremely well, and we put 3 dogs through the plane in under 40 minutes without incident.

We would very much appreciate a letter of acknowledgement for this search. Words cannot express the pride that we have in being able to serve our government on this horrible day in history. Present for the search were Thomas Dube with K-9 "Katy", Charles J. Myers with K-9 "Calvin", and Norman J. Smith with K-9 "Duke". Kristin Calhoon took photos. Stephen B. Phillips at our training center in Olean N.Y., trained all of our dogs, and is the National Canine Training Director. Our Executive Director is Peter A. Rebar, U.S. Secret Service (retired).

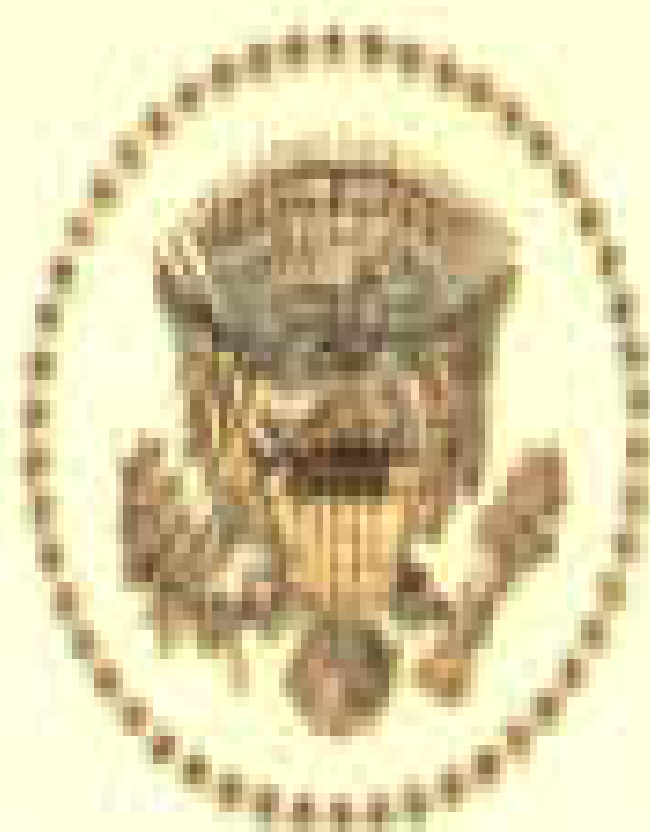
We will continue to protect the children, and citizens of our communities with renewed pride and diligence. Thank you for this opportunity to serve our country.

Respectfully yours,

Norman J. Smith  
Florida Operations Director  
Paladin Associates, Incorporated

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*Providing School & Community Safety  
Through Canine Intervention*



**THE WHITE HOUSE**

**WASHINGTON**

December 18, 2001

Mr. Norman J. Smith  
Florida Operations Director  
Paladin Associates, Inc.  
Post Office Box 1767  
Nokomis, Florida 34274

Dear Mr. Smith:

Thank you for your letter about Paladin Associates' service to the White House Press Corps on September 11. I appreciate the efforts of so many Americans during these extraordinary times.

Your immediate response to search the Press Corps plane for weapons and explosives demonstrates the true character of America. Your staff and dogs ensured the safety of the Press Corps and allowed them to do their important work of communicating the day's events to Americans across the country.

God bless you and the Paladin Associates' staff, and God bless America.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "GWB", written over the printed name "George W. Bush".

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