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Mr. Leigh Plowman, Recreation Director  
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Dear Mr. Plowman:

On behalf of the European Division, National Ski Patrol System (NSP), we would like to continue to maintain a patrolling relationship with the Edelweiss Lodge and Resort (ELR). This memorandum of agreement (MOA) between the European Division NSP and ERL as Area Management will benefit both entities and more importantly, provide professional care to injured or lost American members of the military and their families who are skiing or vacationing in Garmisch.

The European Division NSP is, as the name implies, the European Division of the National Ski Patrol System (NSPS) in the United States. NSPS is a congressionally chartered entity and operates as a non-profit organization dedicated to safe skiing, snowboarding and mountaineering. In Europe local resorts usually have the Bergwacht acting as their on-the-hill rescue agency; however, this MOA will provide the U.S. Military community patrol coverage equivalent to that they would expect to receive at any resort in the U.S. While the Bergwacht is a very professional and dedicated organization, their practices are different than what Americans are used to and many do not speak English. By having an American trained patrol organization at your service you will provide a more familiar and assuring service to your military guests.

The European Division NSP adheres to the highest standards for first responder care. Each patroller goes through an intensive Outdoor Emergency Care (OEC) educational course that is the equivalent to an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT-Basic) course. Upon completion of this course, the patroller begins On-The-Hill training with rescue sleds and hands-on emergency care. There are different levels of certification, Auxiliary, Basic, Senior and Certified, all of which are qualified to provide the level of care required by ELR.

The attached Joint Statement of Understanding between the NSP and National Ski Areas Association (NSAA) forms the foundation of the MOA between the European Division and ELR, acting as though they were NSP and NSAA, respectively. This agreement, approved by the National Board of Directors NSP, spells out the relationships between our two organizations and is directive in nature. Signatures on this letter constitute acceptance of the conditions contained in the agreement.

The European Division has over 200 members who can provide patrolling services to ELR at the times ELR desires patrollers. The Garmisch Mountain Patrol (GMP), the local affiliation of the European Division, will organize the patrolling activities in Garmisch and will coordinate visiting patrollers from other Patrols. Our proposed agenda is as follows: NSP will provide two patrollers per weekend as needed. One patroller will stay at the Backyard of the Hausberg and the other will receive a Lift Pass from ELR to patrol the Hausberg where the Ski Schools (which typically consist largely of U.S. military personnel and their families) are in session. If necessary both patrollers will have GMP radios on the same frequency as ELR so they can be reached by any of the ELR Ski Instructors. Responsibility for providing patrollers for each required weekend will be made by the European Division and will be spread equally amongst the various patrols in the division. The Patrol

