REPORT FOR THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

UNITED STATES SENATE

SUBJECT: Ambassadorial Nomination: Certificate of
Demonstrated Competence -- Foreign Service
Act, Section 304(a)(4)

POST: Republic of Hungary

CANDIDATE: Colleen Bell

Colleen Bell, a Producer at Bell-Phillip Television Productions, Inc. in Los Angeles, California, has a strong history of accomplishment in the television industry. Known for her successful leadership of high-profile and influential social service, environmental and arts organizations, she has a wealth of experience in a wide range of fields from the economy, human rights and climate change to foreign policy, public health and education. Ms. Bell will bring essential skills to the task of furthering bilateral relations with the Government of Hungary, a key U.S. ally in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and the European Union.

Previously, Ms. Bell worked in Los Angeles, California for Bell-Phillip Television Productions, Inc., where she was an Associate Producer (01/2012-08/2012), Director of Special Projects (01/2007-01/2012) and Associate Producer and Script Supervisor (10/1991-12/2002). She has served as Trustee, John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts (09/2012-Present), Member, Chairman, President’s Advisory Committee on the Arts (03/2010-08/2012), Trustee, Los Angeles County Museum of Art (06/2010-Present), Trustee and Vice Chair of Board, Children’s Institute, Inc. (2004-Present), Trustee, The Music Center (07/2010-Present), Member, Los Angeles Leadership Council and Global Leadership Council of the Natural Resources Defense Council (2004-Present), Member, Advisory Board of Clean By Design: Natural Defense Council (2010-Present), Member, Advisory Board, Rape Foundation (07/2009-Present), Member, DNC National Finance Committee (2009-2012) and Member, National Academy of Television Arts and Science (01/2012-Present).

Ms. Bell received a Bachelor’s Degree in Political Economy (majoring in economics and political science) from Sweet Briar College, Sweet Briar, Virginia in 1989, during which she spent her junior year abroad studying international relations at The University of Saint Andrews, Saint Andrews, United Kingdom. She is the recipient of the Imagine Award for Philanthropic Leadership from Inner-City Arts, the “Building New Hope” Award and the Minnie Award for Outstanding Board Member from the Children’s Institute, Inc., and the Spirit of Leadership Award from Best Buddies International. She speaks conversational Spanish.

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