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President
Friendship Force Schwerin
Schwerin, Germany

Dear Friendship Force Schwerin President,

I want to express my sincerest appreciation to you for welcoming members of the Friendship Force Club of Ottawa, who are visiting with the Friendship Force Club of your city. Allow me assure you that the Canadian visitors display great enthusiasm in discovering Schwerin's historic attractions and heritage landmarks. Most of all, they look forward to developing new friendships.

Founded in 1994, the Ottawa Friendship Force Club, one of the largest and most dynamic clubs of Friendship Force International, is a constant source of pride for the City of Ottawa. Over the years, the Ottawa members have visited fellow clubs on all continents, bringing with them messages of peace and mutual understanding. Here in Ottawa, they have opened their homes to members of more than fifty clubs and displayed great generosity and hospitality in making their visitors' stay both enjoyable and memorable. Hosts and guests alike have been rewarded with lasting friendships developed during these exchanges.

Ottawans are always delighted to share the picturesque beauty of Canada's National Capital Region and show visitors our fascinating landmarks, including the neo-Gothic inspired-Parliament Hill, Rideau Hall, the Official Residence of the Queen's Representative in Canada, Ottawa City Hall, in addition to the revitalized Lansdowne park, its restored heritage pavilions and new TD Place, along with our world-class museums, art galleries and concert venues. Visitors marvel at the opportunities to be outdoors and experience the natural landscapes and greenspace in the heart of the city, while walking or cycling along the abundance of dedicated pathways, hiking in the Gatineau Hills or boating on the numerous waterways, including the Rideau Canal, designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Ottawans would look forward to welcoming visitors from Schwerin in 2017, when Canada celebrates its 150th anniversary with spectacular festivities.

Sincerely,

Jim Watson
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