



BUCKINGHAM PALACE

9th January, 2009

Dear Ms. Amatt,

The Queen has asked me to thank you for your letter of 15th November, and I apologise for the delay in replying. Due to the high volume of mail received in recent weeks, correspondence has been dealt with in strict date order.

Her Majesty was interested to read about reasons that have prompted you to start your business project *Brits in Canada Inc.* However, I am sorry to send you a disappointing reply to your request for a message of blessing for your enterprise. Owing to the large number of similar requests that are received, The Queen has made it a rule not to send personal letters on such occasions.

Nonetheless, may I send my personal good wishes to you for every success with your new company.

Her Majesty has asked that I convey her thanks for your kind words of support and loyalty, which are much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Sonia Bonici  
Senior Correspondence Officer

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