

**To:** Pete Brownell[Pete.Brownell@brownells.com]  
**From:** David A. Keene  
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Allan is definitely not going to Israel or Russia and he is sending a formal letter for Torchin to that effect. Donna has told them but understandable (and because they are Russian) they choose not to agree.

If you want to come to Russia of course you are welcome.

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**From:** Maria Butina [mailto: [REDACTED]@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 23, 2015 1:56 PM  
**To:** David A. Keene; Keene Donna Wiesner  
**Subject:** Very High Stakes

Dear David & Donna,

I received word early this morning from our esteemed Deputy Governor Torshin that he has been allowed to extend an invitation for up to seven (7) members of the NRA delegation for a possible meeting with “Russia’s highest leader.” This is NOT a guarantee, but given the circumstances surrounding the political leaders involved, it is VERY likely that such a private meeting in the Kremlin will now be added to your itinerary.

But it is surely dependent upon the Kremlin’s understanding that the “leader of the NRA” will be part of the delegation. I have followed your strict instructions and have told no one of the possible absence of President Cors. If President Cors’ health continues to remain a concern, I have worked out a possible solution that I hope meets with the NRA’s approval.

It is my belief – and one that I’m very confident would be shared by Deputy Governor Torshin – that in the absence of Cors, the NEXT President of the NRA, Pete Brownell, could assume the role of leader of the delegation. Russian leaders would readily understand the timeliness of greeting the next leader of “the most powerful political organization in America” who is assuming office at almost the same time as the next American President.

I know from my meeting with Mr. Brownell last month in Iowa that he would make changes in his schedule to join the delegation should he be asked. But he was very careful not to “invite himself” along unless it met with your approval. If it is absolutely impossible for Cors to travel, perhaps you would consider adding Brownell to the delegation in order to preserve the highest level meetings possible.

Thank you for your generous consideration! I continue to work very hard to make this historic, first-ever NRA official delegation trip the best possible.

Sincerely,  
Maria