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Washington DC, April 9, 2024

Dear Mr. Hochman,

I would like to thank you, the Salvadore Dali Gallery and all those who contributed to this act, for your very kind donation of a Dali's *épreuve d'artiste* representing Charles de Gaulle, alongside its certificate of authenticity. This highly symbolic gift is further proof of the strength of the French-American friendship, which has been marked by three centuries of exchange and mutual assistance.

Charles de Gaulle is indelibly associated with the common history of the United States and France, particularly during WWII. France will be forever grateful for the sacrifice of American soldiers. As we prepare to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Normandy Landing, I can assure you that the gratitude of French people remains intact.

We will preserve and treasure this great piece of art. At your suggestion we are planning to display it on board the aircraft carrier "Charles De Gaulle".

*Sincerely,*

**Air Major General Bertrand JARDIN**  
Defense Attaché

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