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Vladimir Vasilyevich Ustinov General Prosecutor, Russian Federation B. Dmitrovka str. nr. 15a 125993 Moscow GSP-3 Russia

Dear General Prosecutor Ustinov:

Since its establishment in 1963, Korg has provided the music world with electronic instruments including synthesizers, keyboards and recording devices that are renowned for their technological innovation. With four branches in Japan and subsidiaries in the U.S., U.K., Italy and Hong Kong, Korg is considered a worldwide leader in our industry.

Many of our most popular products utilize "Made in Russia" vacuum tubes produced at the ExpoPUL factory in Saratov. I recently learned from several Korg subsidiaries about an article that appeared in the December 8 edition of *The Moscow* Times. It describes bold tactics used by a firm called Russian Business Estate, which is apparently trying to take over the ExpoPUL building. I find it hard to understand what kind of entertainment building could be more important than a factory that manufactures electronic vacuum tubes that are the finest in the world, in short supply and are so critical to our future business.

This critical news from Russia would indeed be an unfortunate development for Korg and the music industry as a whole. ExpoPUL's tubes are the only ones we use in our products, and, if production is terminated, we will lose a rare and valued technology. As such, it is my hope that your office will look into these events and see if the illegalities implied by *The Moscow Times* article are true.

Thank you.

With best regards,

Tsutomu Katoh
Chairman
Korg Inc.