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Dr. Julia M. Watkins
President
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Dear President Watkins:

It is my pleasure to inform you that at its meeting on December 5, 2001, the Board of Trustees of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges voted to grant American University in Bulgaria initial accreditation with the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education effective March 28, 2001.

The membership of the Association joins me in congratulating you and your colleagues in the achievement of this important distinction.

Sincerely,

Sandra Bernstein

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