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VIA EMAIL ONLY

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RE: Initial request for a new registry service under the Registry Services Evaluation Policy

Dear Steve,

As you may be aware, the Registry Services Evaluation Policy became effective on 15 August 2006 (see <http://www.icann.org/announcements/rsep-advisory-25jul06.htm> <<http://www.icann.org/announcements/rsep-advisory-25jul06.htm>>). Under Section 2.4 of the Policy, ICANN "may seek expert advice during the preliminary determination period, (from entities or persons subject to confidentiality agreements) on the ... Security or Stability implications of the Registry Service in order to make its 'preliminary determination'" as to whether an application should be referred to a Standing Technical Panel for review.

The Registry Request Service, the secure online tool for registries to submit requests for new registry services is now live. ICANN has received a request from Tralliance Corporation for a new service called "search.travel." Tralliance is proposing to insert a wildcard into the .TRAVEL zone.

Tralliance has cited to the SSAC's 9 July 2004 report on "Redirection in the Com and Net Domains" as a document relevant to consideration of the new registry service. Because the proposed service would result in the insertion of a wildcard into the .TRAVEL zone, we are writing to request advice from the Security and Stability Advisory Committee on the security and stability issues raised by wildcards in the DNS to assist us to determine whether the Tralliance proposal should be referred to the Registry Services Technical Evaluation Panel. A copy of the Tralliance proposal is attached.

Best regards,

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