December 30, 2014

Michael F. Schober

Editor

New School for Social Research

New York, NY

Dear Dr. Schober:

I am enclosing a submission to the *Discourse Processes* entitled “Political Party Differences in Foreign Policy Discourse.” This original manuscript has not been previously published and is not under review for publication by any other journal. The study used archival data available to the general public; therefore, IRB approval was not sought.

In this manuscript, we explore the impact of political party affiliation and foreign policy decisions on psychological processes as evidenced by language use. Using speeches and statements from members of the U.S. Congress as well as the U.S. President, we found political party and policy decisions interacted to influence cognitive processing and complex thinking. Furthermore, psychological distancing and categorical thinking varied depending on foreign policy decision. This paper should be of interest to any researcher of politics and/or language including psychologists, political scientists, linguists, and other social scientists. Thank you for your time

Sincerely,

Kayla Jordan

Department of Psychology

901 S National Ave

Springfield, MO 65897

Missouri State University

[Jordan810@live.missouristate.edu](mailto:Jordan810@live.missouristate.edu)

Erin M. Buchanan, Ph.D.

Department of Psychology

901 S National Ave

Springfield, MO 65897

Missouri State University

[ErinBuchanan@missouristate.edu](mailto:ErinBuchanan@missouristate.edu)

Phone: 417-836-5592

Fax: 417-836-8330