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Colonel Michael Clancy Commander and District Engineer U.S. Army Corps of Engineer-New Orleans 7400 Leake Avenue New Orleans, LA 70118

Dear Colonel Clancy,

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Michael S. Harrison Superintendent of Police New Orleans Police Department 715 South Broad St New Orleans, LA 70119

Dear Superintendent Harrison,

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Mitchell J. Landrieu Mayor of New Orleans City Hall 1300 Perdido St 2nd Floor New Orleans, LA 70112

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Brandy D. Christian President and CEO The Port of New Orleans P.O. Box No. 60046 New Orleans, LA 70160

Dear Ms. Christian,

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Doug Campbell General Manager The New Orleans Public Belt Railroad 4822 Tchoupitoulas Street New Orleans, Louisiana 70115

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