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WASHINGTON, PA FACILITY

Dear Ms. Dankmyer:

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Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at (301) 415-6701.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "LeRoy S. Person", is written over the typed name.

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