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We will be happy to send a representative to participate in the Expo in September. We will contact Patrick Allen in your Wilmington office to make the appropriate arrangements.

Thank you for the invitation to be a part of this important event.

Sincerely,

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