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MEMORANDUM TO: Suzanne C. Black, Chief  
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Once again, I appreciate Mr. Gramm's participation, valuable insight, and a job well done. Should you have any questions on this matter, please contact me on 415-7286.

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