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Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Brian W. Sheron, Director */RA/*
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I recommend that Office of the Secretary reply to Mr. Chubb with a standard acknowledgment letter if such a letter has not already been issued, including language such as "We have previously communicated with you numerous times and understand your views on this matter."

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