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May 26, 2010

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If you have any further questions in this matter, please contact Richard S. Barkley of this office at (610) 337-5065.

Sincerely,

  
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