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SUBJECT: COMMISSIONER WILLIAM MAGWOOD'S VISIT TO THE GEORGE  
WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL BLOOD BANK ON APRIL 27, 2010

Dear Mr. Crable:

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Thank you again for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

***Original signed by John D. Kinneman***

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