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MEMORANDUM TO: Chairman Diaz
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Commissioner Merrifield

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FROM: William D. Travers *William Travers*
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SUBJECT: FIFTH ANNUAL REVIEW OF APPLICATION-SPECIFIC,
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ASSOCIATED STANDARD REVIEW PLANS

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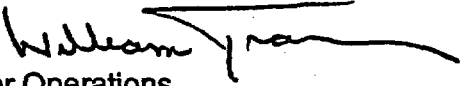
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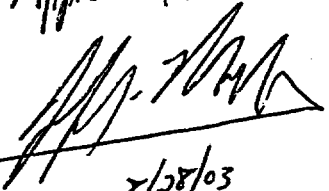
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