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Ms. Lyndia Posey 3140 North 60th Street Milwaukee, WI 53216

RE: C.I. File No. 1068-2017-1470

Communication from LYNDIA POSEY

Dear Ms. Posey:

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Very truly yours,

GRANT///JANGLEY

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c: Jeffrey Kluslow (Forestry)

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