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BY TELECOPY TO (202) 376-2614

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Dear Mr. Verne:

The purpose of this letter is to confirm our telephone conversation of August 7.

I greatly appreciate your making the extra effort to answer my inquiry in Mr.

Sincerely,

Attachment