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Sincerely,

Original signed by: J. Holonich
John T. Greeves, Director
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From: Blair Spitzberg
To: James Shepherd
Date: Tuesday, March 14, 2000 1:39 PM
Subject: Re: HERE'S A COPY OF THE NATION LETTER

Jim - I concur. I suggest you put Dwight Chamberlain, Director, DNMS, RIV and Charles Hackney, SLO, RIV on the distribution list. You can delete Chuck Cain from the list.

- Blair

>>> James Shepherd 03/14 11:39 AM >>>

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Task #: 23001 Document No: D2000029 WITS:
Task Accepted: 02/15/00 Task Due: 03/15/00 Task Completed: / /

Task Description: RESTRICTED RELEASE AND LONG-TERM STEWARDSHIP

Requesting Office: CHEROKE Requester: J. FITE Committee Mtg #:
Branch: DCB Section: Staff Lead: LWC

Task Status:	CC: JTG / JJH	Concurrence Required: N
		Priority: 1

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Shepherd — Done and

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