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From:Blair SpitzbergTo:James ShepherdDate:Tuesday, March 14, 2000 1:39 PMSubject: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

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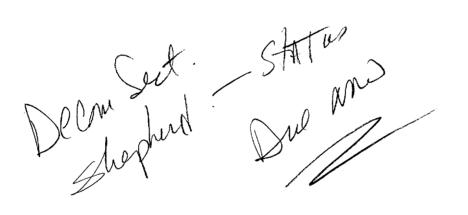
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