

June 4, 2008

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We would request your response by August 15, 2008, so that we can incorporate it into the self-assessment. Please do not hesitate to call me at (301) 415-7197, if you would like to discuss this matter further.

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