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Dear Jennifer:

This will confirm our telephone conversation on Monday, January 3, in connection with four letters you have sent BN RAILPAC regarding 1993 monthly submissions. In three cases, there were math errors, and on all reports there was inadequate information pertaining to occupation of those listed on Schedule A.

In working with the consultant who designed our database for managing BN RAILPAC, we determined that when the reports were generated, the system was pulling information from the "department" field rather than from the "title" field. So, instead of the title of the person listed, the department he/she reports to was listed. As I mentioned to you on the telephone, we have just installed a new database, and that glitch has been corrected. So, in order to provide you with job titles for the individuals listed on Schedule A, it will be necessary for me to generate new monthly reports for the entire year of 1993, through the November report.

As to the mathematical errors, we have done some checking. It appears that the computer and/or database were malfunctioning. When the reports were generated, we foolishly trusted the computer math and did not double check it. Our hope is that in generating new reports for 1993 to correct the occupation information, the computations will be corrected.

Each report takes approximately three hours to generate, and printing takes only a minimal amount of time. Each of the last two nights, I have left the computer generating reports; but each night, the LAN has kicked me out of the system. Thus, I have not been able to produce many reports overnight. Our system administrator is working on the problem; but until it is resolved, I can produce reports only in the daytime. Because of that, it may take until the end of this week or early next week for me to produce all reports, check their accuracy against other written records, and get them in the mail.

Two of the letters I received were dated December 22, 1993, but because of Christmas vacation, I did not receive them until January 3, 1994. The due date is January 6, which is tomorrow. I will not have the reports completed by then. They will, at the very latest, be in overnight mail by Monday, January 10.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call me directly.

Sincerely yours,

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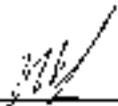
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