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Dear Mr. Lochbaum:

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A staff working group was convened and analysis of the petition is complete. A PRB was convened on November 25, 2003, and a recommendation to the Commission regarding disposition of this petition is in preparation.

As you are aware, until the Commission has approved the recommended disposition of the petition, decisions of the PRB are considered pre-decisional and cannot be released. A letter will be sent to you regarding disposition of your petition as soon as the Commission has voted on the staff recommendations.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at 301-415-3711.

Sincerely,

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