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Employee suggestions are always appreciated and we commend Mr. Telson for sharing his thoughts on improving the efficiency of the organization. However, since this suggestion was not adopted, no award is recommended.

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