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Subject: FW: Press Release

As per your senior staff notes, I will contact FEMA tomorrow to expand on their part of the press release.

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From: Gilsenan, Michael (ex)
Sent: Wednesday, July 17, 2002 5:15 PM
To: Grob, Shauna
Cc: Avaltroni, Robert; Radhakrishnan, Krish
Subject: Press Release

Shauna,

Please find attached the first crack at a possible press release as discussed yesterday. I have tried to stay clear of using total numbers as they are not easily explainable in this type of document. Please make any changes, additions, deletions that you feel necessary. Also would you like me to share this with Charlie/Geoff for their input.

FYI

315 Total dirty buildings
60 cleaned by owners verified by DEP

255 Possible cleaning candidates
 - 71 cleaned by DEP contractors
 184 total

56 to be cleaned by DEP contractor

129 possible cleaning candidates (is number that is hard to explain in press release)

These 129 buildings need to be re-inspected to ascertain if they were cleaned and owner did not notify us. If they were cleaned, then we can reduce the number by that amount. We then need to contact the owners of those buildings still identified as dirty to see if we can get them to sign license agreements. License agreements keep coming everyday and the 129 number will continue to change (today I signed 3). At the end of the process we will have some number that will need to be addressed outside this process.

I hope I haven't confused you too much. If you need anything else let me know.



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The New York City Department of Environmental Protection's Commissioner, Christopher O. Ward, today announced that the Exterior Building Cleanup Program (a component of the federal, state and city's comprehensive Indoor Air Quality Program) has completed cleaning the roof and exteriors of 71 buildings in the downtown area.

The exterior cleanup program is one part of the government's overall comprehensive program to reassure the public that air quality in lower Manhattan is, and will continue to be, safe. Continuing to gain the public's confidence in air quality in and around the World Trade Center site is important to the ongoing renewal and future development of the downtown area.

The exterior building cleanup is entirely funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, whose support has been unwavering. Under the program, building owners whose property has been identified by inspectors as having World Trade Center debris are eligible to have the debris removed from their buildings at no cost. To date, over 1,000 buildings have been visually inspected in the downtown area for possible WTC debris. In addition to the 71 buildings already cleaned, 56 buildings are scheduled for cleaning; some of which are already underway.

An additional 60 buildings have been cleaned by building owners privately, outside of the cleanup program. All these buildings have had their cleanup verified by a DEP inspector to ensure that all debris was removed.

The work is being conducted by licensed asbestos contractors, supervised by DEP personnel. Asbestos contractors are being used to ensure that debris removal is done in the most protective manner possible to the public and workers. DEP personnel and their contractors have been working since June 7 to complete the 71 buildings.

The work is being conducted at times which are most convenient for the businesses and residents in the area, and includes weekends and nights.