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TO: Robert Avaltroni, Jr., Deputy Commissioner
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FROM: Jon Deutsch, Assistant Counsel *Jon*

RE: World Trade Center Recovery Litigation

DATE: June 6, 2002

Mark Hoffer received a telephone call from Assistant Corporation Counsel Theresa Barillas [telephone number (212) 788-0515] regarding litigation resulting from the World Trade Center response and recovery efforts.

ACC Barillas needs to meet with you to begin ascertaining the facts surrounding the response and recovery efforts. Please contact her to schedule an appointment. Theresa is the City's lawyer in this instance, and the interview will neither be adversarial nor a deposition; it is merely information gathering.

In addition, please provide me with the names and telephone numbers of all supervisors within your Bureau who had a material role in the response and recovery efforts. Ultimately, these supervisors will meet with ACC Barillas under the same, non-adversarial, circumstances as yourself.

I may be contacted at (718) 5-5-5650 with any questions.

c: Mark Hoffer, General Counsel
Frank Schiano, Assistant Counsel



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2. As a second step, I'd also like the assigned lawyer to call Bob Avaltroni and Doug Greeley and get the names of any supervisors for those Bureaus who had a material role either in response on 9/11, or on recovery thereafter (I know Mustafa has been heavily involved for Bob). Once you get those lists, I'd like a call to be made to Theresa to give her the names, and then a call to each of the people, asking them to call Theresa to set up a date and time. Again, assure folks that this is not adversarial and not a deposition; it's information gathering.

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