

Avaltroni, Robert

From: Avaltroni, Robert
Sent: Thursday, January 30, 2003 3:15 PM
To: Ward, Chris
Cc: Grob, Shauna; Tweedy, David
Subject: RE: 114 Liberty

Chris,

The angle is money. FEMA will cut off funding in March to all residents. We have carefully negotiated a cleanup Scope of Work that takes into consideration all characteristics associated with the building. This building had more damage than 125 Cedar Street.

They are in the process of putting in windows, getting a water tower fixed, and ultimately ripping up the floors prior to the commencement of cleanup. We should begin our cleanup by March 1. We will attempt to complete our work within 6 weeks. This is a building with wealthy people who are looking to increase property values.

We are tied to the hip with FEMA and Brad has a good relationship with the NY1 reporter, Susan Jhun.

I have spoken to Charlie and given him the details. This should not at all be an anti-government story.

Bob

-----Original Message-----

From: Ward, Chris
Sent: Thursday, January 30, 2003 12:38 PM
To: Avaltroni, Robert
Subject: Re: 114 Liberty

Yes. What is the angle.

Christopher Ward
 Commissioner, NYC Department of Environmental Protection
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-----Original Message-----

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To: Ward, Chris <cward@dep.nyc.gov>
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Sent: Thu Jan 30 12:40:27 2003
Subject: FW: 114 Liberty

Chris, We will in all likelihood be getting an inquiry from NY1 pertaining to the cleanup of 114 Liberty Street (unoccupied building). As you can see, Brad has given NY1 my name as the point of contact. Do you want me to go through Charlie consistent with normal protocol? Please advise.

Thanks, Bob

-----Original Message-----

From: Gair, Brad [mailto:Brad.Gair@fema.gov]
Sent: Thursday, January 30, 2003 11:41 AM
To: Robert Avaltroni (E-mail)
Subject: 114 Liberty

Bob,

I hope that you do not mind that I gave your name to Susan Jhun (NY1) as a NYC DEP contact on 114 Liberty. Just hold the party line. I stuck to what we discussed yesterday. You will be done with the cleaning in March and then as soon as the building is habitable, our aid is over. The 114 Liberty people are telling her that you need 3 months to clean and cannot start in cold weather, and the façade has to be fixed and on and on.

Let me know.

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