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RANDY
TOOK CARE OF THIS
SHOULD BE REFLECTED
IN MEETING THEY
ARE HAVING
WEDNESDAY 4/13/98

Bob

DONZ

Dear Bob:

The Mayor's Office of Emergency Management, "OEM", is designing its new Emergency Operations Center at 7 World Trade Center. Part of the design calls for a fuel oil storage tank to be installed near the first floor to supply their generators in the event that backup power is needed during an emergency.

The consulting engineers have evaluated all possible locations for this tank in the building and have determined that the only feasible location agreeable to OEM and the landlord (Silverstein Properties) is inside a maintenance storage room containing a small, portable mechanical platform used by building personnel while cleaning tall windows, changing high light bulbs, etc. This week, the Port Authority told the engineers that location was now unacceptable to house both the mechanical platform and the fuel storage tank. The platform would have to be moved to another location if the tank were to be placed there, fearing that the two together would provide a point of fire ignition.

Under the design plan, already conservative fire codes were exceeded. The structure enclosing the tank is rated at 4 hours of fire protection—well above the average. The engineers agree that the equipment is not considered to be a point of ignition. Furthermore, the engineers claim that the Port Authority never mentioned this issue in their preliminary specifications.

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