March 4, 2020

Mr. Brian J. Wagner
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Dear Brian:

This letter is in further reference to the Postal Service’s July 26, 2017, notice of the sensor technology pilot (enclosed). One of the goals of the sensor technology pilot was to be able to locate high-value assets within the mail processing environment.

The Postal Service is testing the use of Active Package Tracking (APT) mobile applications on cellular phones used by management personnel in order to determine the ability to locate high-value assets.

Currently, the Postal Service’s package tracking system only allows visibility from the last scan event. This initiative will allow the Postal Service to equip certain high-value packages, such as cremated remains, with advanced tracking capabilities to allow greater visibility. The tracking beacon is anticipated to provide the ability to quickly locate high-value packages in an effort to help improve delivery time, package visibility, and the customer experience.

The APT applications will allow management officials to listen for beacon pings when high-value assets are present. Testing will begin March 2 and end on May 2 in the following Processing and Distribution Centers:

- Northern Virginia
- Dulles
- Richmond
- Curseen-Morris
- Linthicum

Please contact Dion Mealy at extension 6861 if you have any questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

Rickey R. Dean
Manager
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Enclosure

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July 26, 2017

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Dear Brian:

As a matter of general interest, the Postal Service plans to conduct a proof of concept regarding the use of sensor technologies in a plant environment.

This initiative will consist of utilizing badges and wireless sensor readers to evaluate the effectiveness of the collection of data in an autonomous and passive manner. Additionally, the technology will be assessed to determine capabilities regarding maintenance or safety alerts and mail piece identification and/or location within the facility.

Plans for the location of the proof of concept installation and testing are still being finalized and will be provided at a later date.

Enclosed is a PowerPoint that further explains the initiative.

Please contact Bruce Nicholson at extension 7773 if you have any questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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