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Thank you again for your kind considerations and if we can be of further service please call on us. I will keep you advised if there are any later developments in this matter.

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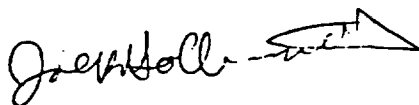
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