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PROPOSED LETTER TO PRIME MANUFACTURERS

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IN ORDER TO ELIMINATE ALL POSSIBLE CONFUSION ^{we} MAY ~~ASK~~ IF YOU ARE USING ^{any} FMS NUMBERS IN CONJUNCTION WITH YOUR OWN PART NUMBERS? IF YOU ARE ^{please} ~~WOULD YOU BE~~ ^{has where these numbers are used} ~~KIND ENOUGH TO ADVISE THIS OFFICE.~~ IF YOU ARE USING THE INSTITUTE NUMBERS IN ANY LITERATURE, YOU MAY BE AUTHORIZED TO DO SO, IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY BEEN, PROVIDING THAT IN ANY LITERATURE RELEASED BY YOU SETTING FORTH SUCH FMS NUMBERS THE FOLLOWING COPYRIGHT LINE BE PRINTED THEREON.

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