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WALLA WALLA DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS

BLDG. 602, CITY-COUNTY AIRPORT
WALLA WALLA, WASHINGTON 99362

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Sincerely yours,

Honorable A. B. Curtis
Mayor of Orofino
Orofino, Idaho 83544

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Chief, Real Estate Division

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