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Dr. James F. Boehner, MD  
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Dear Dr. Boehner:

The State of South Carolina and the Low Country regional counties extend their appreciation to you, Charlie Miller, and the RACES/ARES network for participating in the South Carolina Low Country Regional Full-Scale Counter Terrorism Exercise held August 20-21, 2004.

Thanks to Mr. Miller's support and the support of the RACES/ARES network, the State, the Low Country regional counties and responding agencies were able to successfully conduct a Regional Counter Terrorism Weapons of Mass Destruction Exercise designed specifically for the Low Country. This successful nighttime event lasted 12 hours and involved over 1,000 participants, and 53 local, state, and federal agencies.

The RACES/ARES network contributed significantly to exercise communication and enabled the exercise to operate smoothly. Furthermore, the Radio Operators including you, Alfred Schuefelder, Marvin Berg, Mike Majority, Mary Favaro and Fred Atkinson allowed participants to engage in an exercise filled with realism. Please convey my sincere appreciation to all who participated. The State of South Carolina and the Low Country Regional counties greatly appreciate your time and dedication in making our state, and the nation, a safer place to live.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R. Osborne".

Ronald C. Osborne  
Director

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