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Re: Completed PEAD Project

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed please find an electronic version of a draft portfolio of standby Presidential Emergency Action Documents ("PEADs"). Under the dedicated supervision of Special Counsel Rosemary Hart, attorneys from this Office led an interagency legal review of these documents in order to update and supplement the existing set of PEADs to reflect changes in the law and the exercise of executive power since the last such review. The attached proposed Executive Orders, Proclamations, and other presidential documents have undergone extensive interagency comment and subsequent revision, including review and comments from your respective staffs as well as from other offices within the Executive Office of the President. If this Office can be of further assistance with respect to these standby presidential orders or future orders, please let us know.

The attached PEADs are approved as to form and general legality. Should the occasion arise for the actual issuance of one or more of these draft presidential documents, we believe their advance preparation and availability will assist in this Office's expeditious review of their legality as applied in the particular circumstances.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure