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Sincerely,

Billy M Smith  
2817 Talkeetna Ave  
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To whom it may concern,

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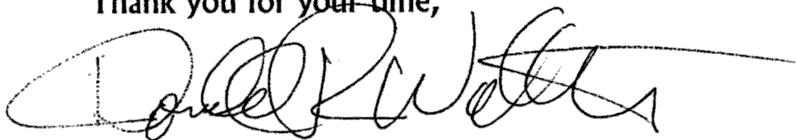
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Don Walters", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Don Walters

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Thank you, *David Mutchler*

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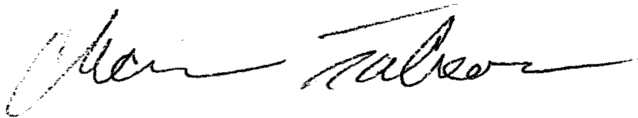
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*Labors 942*

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