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to: DR. ROBERT WILLEMS
from: CHARLES M. CURREN
subject: RINGLING BROS. BARNUM & BAILEY CIRCUS (BLUE UNIT)
date: JULY 16, 1999

DEAR BOB,

THIS MEMO IS A RECAPING OF OUR CONVERSATION THIS MORNING.

PLEASE FIND ATTACHED A COPY OF THE INSPECTION WHICH IS DID ON JULY 15 AND PHOTOGRAPHS.

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I ARRIVED ABOUT 9:30 AM AND FOUND THE CIRCUS JUST SETTING UP THEIR EXERCISE ENCLOSURES IN THE LOT NEXT TO THE COMPAC CENTER IN DOWN TOWN HOUSTON. THE TRAIN HAD ARRIVED EARLIER THAT MORNING AND WAS PARKED ON A SIDE TRACK ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE HIGHWAY, ABOUT THREE OR FOUR BLOCKS AWAY. I WAITED UNTIL ABOUT 10:30AM, WHEN I GOT CONCERNED ABOUT THE ANIMALS IN THE TRAIN CARS. THE TEMPERATURE WAS IN THE MID 90'S AT THAT POINT. I SPOKE WITH [REDACTED] AND HE AGREED TO TAKE ME TO THE TRAIN CARS.

WE CLIMBED IN THE LAST CAR AT THE BACK OF THE TRAIN, WHICH HAPPENED TO BE THE HORSE CAR. WE WALKED ON TO THE NEXT CAR, WHICH WAS THE HAY STORAGE CAR. THE HAY WAS NEATLY STACKED AT ONE END WITH A CAGE AROUND IT TO PREVENT IT FROM FALLING WHEN THE TRAIN IS MOVING. AT THE OTHER END OF THE CAR WAS TWO LARGE ENCLOSURES MADE WITH HEAVY COATED TWO BY FOUR PANELS. [REDACTED] EXPLAINED THAT THESE ENCLOSURES WERE USED TO TRANSPORT THEIR EIGHT ALPACAS, BUT SINCE THEY WERE COMING FROM CANADA, AND THEY HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO TAKE THE ALPACAS INTO CANADA, THE ALPACAS WERE BEING TRANSPORTED BY TRAILER FROM A FARM UP NORTH. b6

THE NEXT CAR WAS AN ELEPHANT CAR. MOST OF THE ELEPHANTS ARE HAULED IN PAIRS. THEY ARE CHAINED BOTH FRONT AND HIND BY THE LEGS NEXT TO THE WALL OF THE TRAIN CAR. THERE IS VERY LITTLE SPACE BETWEEN THE WALL AND THE ELEPHANTS BODY, AS WELL AS VERY LITTLE SPACE BETWEEN THE TWO ELEPHANTS. THEY BOTH FACE THE SAME DIRECTION WHICH IN ALL CASES WAS FORWARD. EACH ANIMAL HAS APPROXIMATELY TWO EXHAUST FANS OVERHEAD. ONE LOCATED OVER HER HEAD AND ONE OVER THE RUMP AREA. THE FANS ARE COVERED WITH EXPANDED METAL AND HAVE RECESSED

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LIGHTS IN THEM AS WELL. THERE ARE ALSO LARGE WINDOWS LOCATED ABOUT HALF WAY UP THE WALL OF THE CAR, WHICH PUTS THEM ABOUT MID LEG LEVEL ON THE ANIMAL. THE WINDOWS ARE LOCATED SUCH THAT EACH ANIMAL HAS A WINDOW NEXT TO IT. THE WINDOWS ARE COVERED WITH EXPANDED METAL TO PREVENT AN ANIMAL FROM REACHING OUT, OR ANY PERSON FROM REACHING IN.

THE OUTSIDE TEMPERATURE AT THIS POINT OF THE INSPECTION WAS 94 DEGREES. INSIDE THE CAR WITH THE ANIMALS IN IT WAS A VERY COMFORTABLE 83 DEGREES WITH A GOOD BREEZE FLOWING THROUGH THE CAR. I FOUND THE CARS TO BE IN GOOD REPAIR AND BEING KEPT VERY CLEAN.

A COUPLE HOURS AFTER MY INSPECTION OF THE TRAIN. THE ANIMALS WERE UNLOADED AND PARADED THE HALF MILE OR SO TO THE LOT NEXT TO THE COMPAC CENTER. THE ELEPHANTS ARE TO BE KEPT IN THREE HOT WIRE PADDOCKS WITH CHAIN LINK FENCING AROUND THEM AS A BARRIER. THEY ARE TO STAY LOOSE IN THESE ENCLOSURES DURING THE DAY AND AT NIGHT THEY WILL BE CHAINED INSIDE IN AN AREA UNDER THE COMPAC CENTER.

WHILE UNLOADING THE ANIMALS [] ^{DO} TOLD ME OF ONE ELEPHANT THAT HAS A STIFF LEG AS A RESULT OF AN OLD INJURY. THEY ALLOWED HER LOTS OF TIME TO GET OUT OF THE CAR WHILE UNLOADING. SHE MOVED VERY SLOWLY AND APPEARED TO BE HESITANT OF HER FOOTING. AS SHE MOVED ALONG IN THE PARADE IT APPEARS SHE HAS VERY LITTLE MOVEMENT IN THE RIGHT FRONT SHOULDER OR LEG AND SHE WALKS VERY STIFFLY.

I NOTED IN THEIR RECORDS THAT THE ANIMAL WITH THE STIFF LEG HAS BEEN LOOKED AT BY A TEAM OF VETERINARIANS AND THE CONCLUSION IS THAT SHE IS NOT IN PAIN AND THIS IS AN OLD INJURY. [] DID INFORM THAT THEY ^{DO} DO NOT USE THIS ANIMAL IN ANY OF THE PERFORMANCES.

THE TRAIN, TRANSPORTED HORSES, AND TWELVE FEMALE ASIAN ELEPHANTS, AND 12 TIGERS. THE CIRCUS ALSO HAS TWO YOUNG ELEPHANTS, ONE MALE AND ONE FEMALE. THESE ANIMALS ARE TRANSPORTED BY TRUCK AND TRAILER. I FOUND THIS VEHICLE TO BE ALSO IN GOOD REPAIR. THESE ANIMALS ARE ALSO BEING KEPT IN A HOT WIRE ENCLOSURE UNDER A LARGE OAK TREE ON THE LOT BESIDE THE CENTER.

THE EIGHT ALPACAS WERE LOOSE IN A LARGE HORSE TYPE TRAILER WITH LOTS OF VENTILATION. THERE WERE ALSO TWO DONKEYS AND A MINIATURE HORSE IN THAT TRAILER IN STALLS. THE TRAILER WAS CLEAN AND IN GOOD

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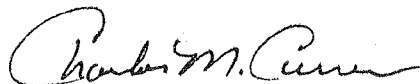
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I BELIEVE THAT CONCLUDED OUR CONVERSATION. IF YOU HAVE ANY
QUESTIONS JUST GIVE ME A CALL. VOICE MAIL 703 812-6532 OR HOME [

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