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Dear Mr. Bass:

Thank you for your letter inviting me to participate in the dedication ceremony for the new groundwater treatment plant and extraction system at the Naval Industrial Ordnance Plant (NIROP), Allegany Ballistics Laboratory on April 7, 1999.

As much as I would like to be able to join you for this very worthwhile event, I am afraid that I cannot. The Senate is scheduled to be in session on that date, and I must remain in Washington. I do hope that you understand and that you will keep me in mind for future events.

Thank you again for inviting me.

Sincerely,

John D. Rockefeller IV