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August 8, 2008

Brian P. Daly, CIH, PE  
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Dear Mr. Daly:

Thank you for your letter dated August 1, 2008, which I received via email on August 4, 2008, regarding the discovery of evidence of water intrusion in multiple elevator shafts. I had requested your professional opinion in a July 28, 2008, email on further investigating the issue of odors you and others detected during the winter months on the 21<sup>st</sup> floor that no one has yet been able to link to a source.

Based on a preliminary inspection of the elevators on July 24, 2008, by hygienists from LaCroix Davis and information they passed along to your Hygiene Tech staff, you indicate that the elevator shafts are "generally potential targets of water intrusion and therefore are sources of mold growth and associated odors." You indicate that additional investigation is required and should include the ceiling plenums, elevator plenums, and wall cavity samples. I would like you to provide me with a detailed work plan, including a budget, for the specific areas and types of investigation that you are proposing.

Also, you indicate that the decline of odor episodes on the 21<sup>st</sup> floor could perhaps be related to completion of the mold growth abatement on the upper vacant floors. It appears you have more information than BOE may have on the extent of the abatement on those closed floors and I would ask that you please provide me with whatever information you may have or to identify the report you are referring to about the scope of the remediation that led you to consider this as a possible source of the odors.

And lastly, you highlight in your letter that "mold graffiti" was found on one of the elevator shaft walls and you recommend that building maintenance be contacted in order to secure all possible water intrusion history documents involving the elevator shafts. Based on your knowledge and experience with commercial buildings, other than the Department of General Services (DGS), who would you recommend we contact to get the maintenance records for the elevator shafts?

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Please respond as soon as possible so that we can continue to pursue this vitally important investigation. Once your response is received, I will coordinate with you and the DGS on implementing the investigation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David J. Gau".

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