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Further:

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\*\*\* Caveat: I am sending this to those of you who are in my contact list - if you have no interest in this subject, please consider reading it for background information. If for some reason you are offended, I apologize for upsetting you and pray that you forgive me. My intent is not to upset you. PLEASE FORWARD as you see fit. \*\*\*

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