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Dear Mr. Card:

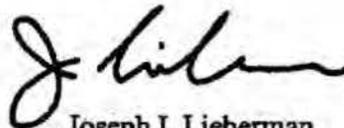
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Again, I appreciate your phone call and the information you provided. I hope you will go the next step and provide a written response to my request.

Sincerely,



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