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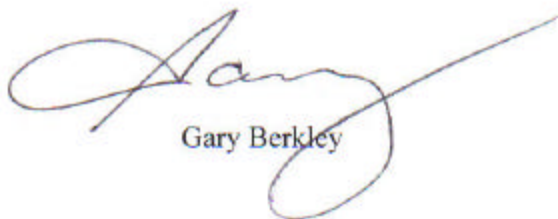
Dear Felix:

I have to say what a wonderful surprise you presented to me in my office the other day. I took the collection home and my wife and I took a look. What an enjoyable experience that was!

I have six grandchildren, and I am sure that someday one of them will be the proud owner of this collection.

Once again, thank you very much. Your efforts are truly appreciated.

Best regards,



Gary Berkley