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Re: BAR APPEAL - #2000-0217 - 311 COMMERCE STREET

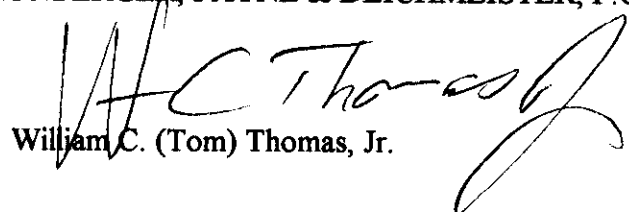
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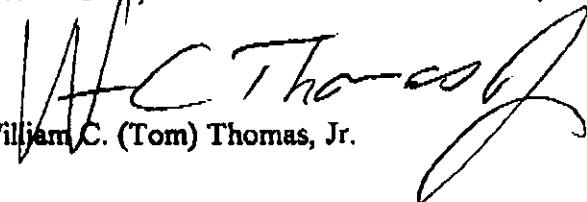
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