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Mr Brad Meeken, General Manager
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Dear Mr Meeken,

I am writing to you at the suggestion of Mr Blair Croker, and on behalf of the Friends of Ecuador, a group already known to York Region. Almost two years ago, through the kindness and leadership of Mr Bill Fisch, an ambulance was donated to the Firefighters of the City of Guayaquil, Ecuador, and shipped through our facilities.

We understand that another ambulance is about to be decommissioned and might be available as a donation to our group. If this is so, we would be extremely grateful. We have calls from Ecuador for at least a dozen ambulances, so one at this time would be both timely and much appreciated. I should also note that I wrote to Mr Fisch just a couple of days ago about the possibility of a donated ambulance. Mr Croker has a copy of my letter sent to him by email.

At this point, I cannot give you more details except to say that we would be most happy to work with you on the matter if such a donation is indeed forthcoming. I will gladly give you more details if desired. You should know that it takes about 3 months to obtain the necessary papers: Import Permit, official Exoneration of payment of duties, etc. We will work as quickly as possible to expedite the matter when we have more details.

Thank you, Sir, for giving consideration to this matter, and with kind personal greetings,

Very cordially yours,



Paul W Roberts, M.D.
Chairman, Friends of Ecuador
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Copy to Mr Peter Harris