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Dear William S. Strange, Jr.

I am the General Counsel of Verve L.L.C. ("Verve"), Verve is interested in buying your patent(s), United States Patent Number(s) 5,443,565 ("Patent(s)"). Verve's offer is as follows:

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