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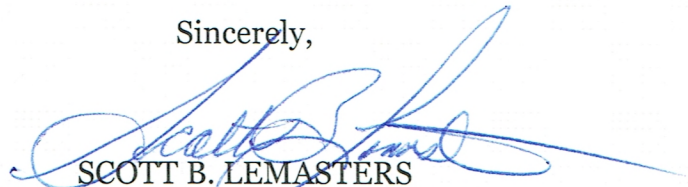
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Cleveland Underwater Explorers
c/o David VanZandt
1226 Lakeland Ave.
Lakewood, OH 44107

Dear Mr. David VanZandt:

Please accept my gratitude for the outstanding partnership between our organizations in response to the sunken tank barge ARGO. Understanding potential media interest and the potential threat of pollution, you provided a professional courtesy to us allowing our response organization and plan of action to mature before wide-spread word of the discovery. CLUE also provided a sonar image of the vessel taken by Mr. Kowalczk which has since become an iconic photo and proved vital to response operations. Ultimately, we safely removed 48,000 gallons of contaminated water from a 104 year-old vessel that had resided under 50-feet of water for 76 years – all without compromising critical resources or public health. Please pass our sincere thanks to your staff, most notably Tom Kowalczk and Jim Paskert.

Sincerely,



SCOTT B. LEMASTERS
Captain, U. S. Coast Guard