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Dear Dr. Baker,

Since the late night transfer of Kallie and Bette to the International Conservation Center (ICC) on July 7, 2009, no media reports, no photographs, and no videotapes have been released. As you know, there is great public interest in the welfare of the animals. When Dulary was sent to The Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee, the media was invited along to document the process, and among other things, Dulary's arrival at the new facility was broadcast on the CBS Evening News and the move was available to the public via live-stream video on the internet.

Friends of Philly Zoo Elephants (FPZE) has received numerous requests from the general public as well as local residents inquiring about the well-being of the two Philadelphia elephants and the lack of media coverage of their arrival at the ICC. Some of concerns raised include:

- (1) Where have Kallie and Bette been kept since they arrived?
- (2) Are Kallie and Bette allowed outside, and if so, how often?
- (3) How many hours do the animals spend inside the barn each day?
- (4) How large is the outdoor pen to which Kallie and Bette have access?
- (5) how many times have Kallie and Bette been walked around the property?

These are just a smattering of the dozens of questions FPZE has received in the last 14 days since Kallie and Bette moved to the ICC. It is understood that zoos like to orchestrate media coverage, but I urge you to open the facility to us - as you have in the past - to help address the afore-mentioned concerns. Please let me know if this can be arranged. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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