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LTG Robert Flowers
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Dear *Bob* LTG Flowers,

On behalf of the FEMA Congressional Liaison staff, I would like to express our appreciation for the assistance received from the Corps during the onslaught of congressional visits after the World Trade Center attack. Members of Congress wanted a firsthand look at response and recovery efforts and we were inundated with requests to organize trips.

Stephen Browning shouldered responsibility for providing a vessel to meet Members at the FEMA disaster field office at Pier 90. Capt. Joe Meyers conveyed the groups to North Cove in the WTC area. His crew included Joe Daskalakis, Walter Grauling and William Fort. The professionalism and cooperation of all these Corps representatives was outstanding.

Mr. Browning conducted briefings en route to lower Manhattan, describing in layman's terms the engineering aspects of the fall of the towers and the subsequent debris removal process. In the WTC vicinity, Mr. Browning led the groups through the maze of vehicles, machinery and temporary shelters, orienting them to the area and pointing out important components of the scene. Often there were many questions and Mr. Browning responded with appropriate information and unfailing good grace.

Without the resources provided by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, our mandate to provide information and access to the congressional delegation would have been severely impaired. Thank you – and especially, Stephen Browning, Capt. Meyers and his crew - for helping us during this difficult time.

Sincerely,

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