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Dear Mr. <sup>John</sup>Douglass:

I appreciate the dialog we had on January 14<sup>th</sup> concerning unique identification of items and other topics. The Department has a strategic requirement for an interoperable, international language to provide our warfighters clear, consistent data. The foundation of this requirement is an unambiguous syntax for encoding the unique identification elements in the data matrix symbol. Notwithstanding this objective, I will take the concerns presented in the Rolls Royce presentation under advisement. My experts will review the example part markings.

Ms. LeAntha Sumpter, UID Program Manager, will get in touch with you next month on their findings.

Sincerely,

  
Michael Wynne  
Acting

