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Bill Tell
South Bay Cable Corporation
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Dear Bill;

I'm sorry to have to report that after our examination and testing of the four test cables we received, we've decided to purchase a cable from JDR Cable Systems for our March 2004 deployment. Their cable was superior in all of our testing. Because of the importance of success in our March deployment, we are forced to choose the best performing cable at the expense of buying a less expensive, made-in-California cable. In conjunction with the at-sea deployments, we intend to continue the development of improved testing protocols that will allow us to more accurately qualify a particular cable for use in our application. As we do this, we will continue to test the SBC piece and will be happy to share that data with you as it becomes available. It's been a pleasure to work with you and your company, I'm sure we'll continue to be in touch in the future.

Best Regards,

Andrew Hamilton

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