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Tonight, the United States Postal Service will conduct precautionary testing for anthrax at the V Street government mails facility in Washington, D.C. While these tests are being conducted, workers at the facility will be asked to vacate the building. These tests are purely precautionary. There is no evidence of any contamination at the facility and there is no evidence that any employee or member of the public has been exposed to any health risk.

The Postal Service is conducting these tests out of an abundance of caution after being informed today by the United States Federal Reserve that tests performed on its mail have produced one positive result indicating the potential presence of anthrax. The Federal Reserve routinely tests mail delivered to its headquarters in Washington, D.C. in a secure facility. The suspect mail did not enter the Fed headquarters.

Mail destined for Federal Reserve headquarters normally passes through the V Street facility. Because of this we are conducting tests at the V Street facility immediately. Again, we want to emphasize that we have no evidence of any contamination and no evidence of a health risk to any worker.

We expect to receive the results of these tests within several hours. If test results are negative, we will resume operations Wednesday.

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