

Dear Ms. Wine:

Thank you for your presentation during the public meeting of the Mississippi River Commission on August 13, 2002, in Davenport, Iowa. In your statement you expressed a desire for assistance for the Grand Excursion 2004.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has appointed Mr. George Hardison of the Rock Island District and Mr. Russell Snyder of the St. Paul District as our points of contact for the event. I understand that other senior leadership staff of both Districts have seen your briefings and that they, too, intend to support the Grand Excursion as much as possible, given the authorities and constraints under which the Corps must operate.

In regard to the possible use of the Motor Vessel Mississippi in the flotilla for Grand Excursion 2004, it is unlikely that the vessel can be used for this purpose. The Motor Vessel Mississippi is a working towboat that has a mission during the June 2004 time frame.

Thank you also for sharing with us the video on the upcoming events of Grand Excursion 2004. Please continue to work with Messrs. Hardison and Snyder as your planning efforts continue to evolve.

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The Commission appreciates your participation in our Davenport meeting and will be pleased to hear from you at our future public meetings.

Sincerely,

Don T. Riley
Brigadier General, U.S. Army

President Designee, Mississippi
River Commission