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(See 79.2/90-53)

Dear Ms. Barra:

I am writing in response to Del Shoemaker's letter to me (document no. X3T9.2/90-040), dated March 1, 1990.

The responses to items 1-4 and 6-7 are acceptable to me, and I appreciate the committee's consideration of my requests.

I reject the response to item 5 because my suggested updates to Table I-2 would truly make this large document easier to use. I myself would in fact use the section numbers provided by such an update to this table as my initial vector to the appropriate location in the document to locate information I expect to need on a regular basis. In fact, it's where any new or unfamiliar user should be directed to look to determine where to find command information more easily. I had to insert dividers into my copy of the document in order to be able to more easily find the start of each section. That is not surprising, of course, but my primary reason for doing this was because it often takes looking at the command list of a number of sections in order to find where a particular command is described. Contrary to a statement in your response, I feel the basic information for any one command can be uniquely vectored to a particular section, and having this information available in one location would make the document far easier to use.

I also reject the response to item 8 for reasons similar to those noted in my rejection of item 5. Although it does not take terribly long to look through Table I-2 to find a particular command, an additional alphabetically ordered table would be handy.

Thank you for your attention in these matters.

Very truly yours,

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