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===== Sample Email =====

From: fedwire@federalreserve.gov [mailto:fedwire@federalreserve.gov]  
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 10:09 AM  
To: Doe, John  
Subject: Your Wire fund transfer

The Wire transaction , recently sent from your checking account (by you or any other person), was cancelled by the Federal Reserve Wire Network.

Please click here to view details

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Diego Ortiz,  
Fraud Department

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