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Hope this note finds you well. :) I want to apologize for not giving the Region 1 report. I think there was some confusion on my part. I thought Flora was doing the final report for the region. I will have something out to you ASAP. Again, my apologies.

If I do not chat with you before...have a great holiday! :)

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