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Dear Emmie,

I would like to thank you for assuming a position of leadership in volunteering for Net Control responsibilities for the South Carolina Emergency Net during the Hurricane HUGO communications emergency. I have received numerous comments from amateurs praising the discipline portrayed by all net participants during the emergency operation. This was the direct result of "over-the-air" professionalism projected as you performed the duties of the Net Control station. *THANK YOU* for taking time away from family and friends to assist the South Carolina National Traffic System in providing vital emergency communications for the disaster areas.

For your information, the South Carolina Emergency Net was activated at 1530Z September 21 and was secured at 0301Z September 29. The net was operated by 31 different Net Control Stations from South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia, Florida and Tennessee for 131 hours. Logs received to this date for 116 hours of operation indicate 2613 check-ins, 1305 inquires and 221 pieces of formal traffic passed during the sessions.

The success of any task is a direct result of the desire, energy and effort of individuals, such as yourself, who participate. Emmie, with your help the South Carolina HUGO Emergency Communications effort was a resounding success.

Sincerely Yours,

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