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Dear Director Gwyn,

Help. My name is Guy Cobb and I live in Memphis, Tennessee. For the past two three years I have been gathering documentation to bring to light a potentially dangerous situation which would affect not only a part of the nation's infrastructure but may also endanger passenger and cargo planes landing at Memphis International Airport.

Runway 9/27 at the Memphis International Airport is the busiest runway in the world due to FedEx's inbound and outbound flights. A very large tunnel called "Hurricane Creek", crosses beneath the runway and for years caused damage to the runway itself from use and vibration. I have satellite images of this damage.

In September of 2006 a study by the AFRAM Corporation stated that if the interior walls of the Hurricane Creek tunnel were reinforced with anything less than #8 rebar, the walls would not be able to support an aircraft the size of an A380 (which FedEx had on order at the time of the study). I confirmed that the rebar size of the walls is #4 which is half the required size.

When I presented my findings to FedEx Express Management I was told to make sure my documentation never got out into the public and to shred all of my copies of my report. On November 6, 2008 I sent my report and the AFRAM report to Randy DiGirolamo with FedEx Express. On November 28, 2008 the Airport Authority announced that runway 9/27 was being completely replaced. When I asked if any additional reinforcement of the tunnel had been approved Randy responded that there was none. This, I believe, was because the project started on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 and had to be completed by December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 in time for FedEx's largest volume.

I have posted all of my documentation on a page on my website. If you could assign someone to speak with me, I would be very interested in presenting these findings to your agency. Here is the website address:

[www.guycobb.com/wreg.htm](http://www.guycobb.com/wreg.htm)

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