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United States Mint
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Mr. Randolph D. Alles
Director
U.S. Secret Service
950 H St N.W.
Washington, DC 20223

Dear Director Moti & Director Alles,

Enclosed herewith is a 1995 1 oz. Gold American Eagle coin, carrying a face value of \$50 and ostensibly minted by the U.S. Mint. You are free to keep it, as it's a worthless tungsten fake.

We are sending it to you because it's our understanding that the Department of Homeland Security's U.S. Secret Service was not inclined to investigate the origin of this and a related batch of these counterfeit Gold American Eagle coins when the matter was recently brought to its attention.

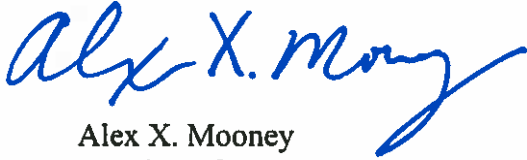
Given reports of the growing problem of high-quality counterfeits of U.S. precious metal coins entering the country from China and elsewhere, we wish to learn more about the U.S. Mint's actions with respect to counterfeits of its current-issue U.S. gold and silver coins.

We hereby request information regarding the following:

1. The nature and quantity of complaints – and resulting investigations – regarding counterfeit U.S. gold, silver, and platinum coins within the past two years.
2. Whether, and to what extent, the U.S. Mint has reviewed the anti-counterfeiting measures that have been implemented by other sovereign and private mints – and whether the U.S. Mint is preparing to implement any technologies to protect the integrity of America's coins minted of gold, silver, and platinum, and palladium.
3. What anti-counterfeiting programs, if any, are in place to protect the integrity of U.S. coins minted specifically of gold, silver, platinum, and palladium?
4. The expected roles of the Secret Service, U.S. Customs and Border Enforcement, and other federal law enforcement agencies in detecting and investigating counterfeits of U.S. coins minted of precious metals and the extent of their coordination with the U.S. Mint.

Thank you in advance for your response. Also, if you or your staff would like to discuss the batch of counterfeit U.S. Gold Eagle coins we referenced above, we can connect you with the individuals who provided the enclosed sample to us.

Sincerely,



Alex X. Mooney
Member of Congress



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CC: Mr. Kevin K. McAleenan
Acting Commissioner
U.S. Customs and Border Protection

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