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Honorable Jerome Powell Chair Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System 20<sup>th</sup> Street and Constitutional Avenue, NW Washington, D.C. 20551

Dear Chair Powell,

I remain interested in the Federal Reserve's activities with respect to the gold market. The gold price – now hitting all-time highs – is in some ways a "Report Card" on your management of the current system of unbacked Federal Reserve notes and bank credit.

I am increasingly concerned that actions by the Fed, the U.S. Treasury, and deficit spenders in Congress have undermined the world's confidence in our currency, making our nation more financially vulnerable – to say nothing of the impact of inflation on our own citizens.

Please respond in writing to the following questions no later than January 15, 2024:

- 1. Has the Federal Reserve or the Federal Reserve Bank of New York repatriated any gold to foreign nations this year? If so, to which countries and how much?
- 2. How much gold is the Federal Reserve vaulting for foreign nations now and how does this compare to the amount vaulted at the end of 2022?
- 3. Does the New York Fed's statement of November 9 asserting that the Federal Reserve and U.S. Treasury Department did not intervene in the foreign exchange markets during the July-September 2023 quarter cover the gold market as well? (See <a href="https://www.newyorkfed.org/newsevents/news/markets/2023/20231109">https://www.newyorkfed.org/newsevents/news/markets/2023/20231109</a>)

Thank you, and I look forward to receiving your response.

Sincerely,

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