Columbia Valley Airport Society
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February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020

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If you would like to discuss further, please let me know.

Kind Regards

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