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Dear sir, madam,

This letter is to ascertain that the National Coordination Centre for Communicable Disease Control of the National Institute of Public Health and the Environment in concert with the Ministry of Health of the Netherlands is having full trust in the management and medical team of the Cruise vessel the Westerdam presently cruising the ocean east of China.

We have been informed that there are a few patients with upper respiratory tract infections presently being treated on board the ship and having been diagnosed with influenza by testing on board. These patients have no travel history to China.

Even though we are not in the position to verify the situation in person, we have full confidence in the reports and highest quality of medical staff and services on board of this vessel sailing under the Dutch flag.

Kind regards,

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