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To: secretary

Subject: COT Report

I understand you are soliciting comments re: the COT report. Here are my comments:

1. I use the COT reports on a weekly basis. They are invaluable and the continuation of their publication should not even be a question. PLEASE CONTINUE TO PUBLISH THE COT REPORTS!
2. There is currently a lag in the data that seems unacceptably long given today's information technology infrastructure. If I am not mistaken the Report reflects positions as of Tuesday of the week of the report. With today's powerful computer technology, the frequency of publication and lag time should be improved. It is easily possible to publish the Report 2-5 times per week rather than once, and the lag time could easily be cut to 1-2 days.
3. If frequency of publication is not addressed, at a minimum the weekly Report should be current as of Thursday of the week, rather than Tuesday.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Will Strickland
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