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Subject: Re: Help from the Euros

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An interesting thing happened the other day. A Swedish company sent a group over with their equipment (big freezer trucks and stuff like that). They went to the city to gather up some of the old historic documents that are stored in New Orleans - Spanish land grants, ship manifests from the slave trade, records from plantations that descendants of slaves use to chart family histories, old French legal documents (Louisiana law is still based on Napoleonic Code; unique legal system in all of the US; no reciprocity for the Bar as I understand it). They have a unique process for preserving documents and they wanted to help. Anyway, soldiers turned them away - wouldn't allow them access to the city, so all that's probably going to be lost now. Mold has already overtaken most houses that were flooded and are now above the water line (chiefly Jefferson Parish). We got our first delivery of food and ice into the area that I live in on Sunday morning - private company, not Gov't (A&P)- six days after the hurricane - 10 lbs of ice per family but you couldn't have the ice if you were in line for food because they didn't want to get the floor of the store wet from dripping bags of ice. We took the ice. My family's been very fortunate, and I'm not really complaining - but it's just amazing to see how things happen in a situation like this - there's no imagining it; you've got to live through it to have any idea of what it's like. Will try to write again when a connection is available. Charlie

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