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Dear Friends in Travel,

"The Anguilla Experience remains intact"

Anguilla has much to give God thanks for because the passage of Hurricane Omar caused no loss of life or injuries and the exceptional and unique 'Anguilla Experience' remains intact for our friends and our visitors.

The Government advises that a careful inspection of the island's public and private sector establishments and infrastructure has been completed and Anguilla did not sustain significant damage. This is credited to the preparedness of the island and her building codes.

Anguilla's Wallblake Airport is operational with flights coming in and out of the island. The ports at Blowing Point and Sandy Ground are open and within the next twenty-four hours all utilities will be up to more than ninety-five percent capacity. Banks, financial institutions, supermarkets, hospitals, pharmacies, and other businesses are open.

Most of the island's tourism plant closes in September and October for refurbishing. For the most part, the properties that were open remained operational and continue to welcome guests. There are no reports of structural damage to the tourism plant but a few buildings located by the sea may need cosmetic repair. This work will be incorporated in the refurbishing for the tourism season that are being carried out. Some properties may use the opportunity to expand on their renovations but those decisions will be made on an individual basis.

Anguilla's high season will open in November as usual and we look forward to welcoming guests for our annual **Tranquility Jazz Festival, November 6 - 9, 2008!**

Best regards,

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