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BY FAX AND U.S. MAIL

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Dear Bill:

Let me begin by expressing our appreciation for the offer you made in Court to make all of the Garrison-Shaw materials (except grand jury records) available for the Review Board's inspection and copying. I wish that you had conveyed this information to us prior to the hearing and that such an offer could have been the first step towards a negotiation that might enable us to resolve several issues. In any case, in order to follow up with your offer and with Judge Livaudais's instructions, we would like to make arrangements to send a Review Board staff member and an archivist to Mr. Connick's office within the next three weeks to examine the records. Please let us know what days would be convenient for the District Attorney's office.

We have repeatedly attempted to convey to Mr. Connick our willingness to discuss and to seek resolution of the issues that are before us. As we have said before, we did not seek either the grand jury materials or a dispute. But we -- like Mr. Connick -- are responsible for complying with the law. We must adhere to the Federal law under which we operate. To the extent that you are willing to negotiate with us on the questions of copies and originals of both the Garrison-Shaw material and the grand jury records, we eagerly await any positive communications that you may have.

Sincerely,

T. Jeremy Gunn

General Counsel