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Mr. Donald Wilson


Dear Mr. Wilson:

On April 22, 1999, I wrote you forwarding a draft of an immunity agreement that you had requested. That draft agreement provided you with immunity from federal prosecution. In return, it required you to provide truthful information to our investigation of your allegation that you had found certain papers in the abandoned automobile of James Earl Ray, some of which you claim have been subsequently stolen from you.

I called you on April 29, 1999, at your home to determine whether you had received the draft immunity agreement. You advised me that you had received the draft and that you would inform us of your response to the immunity proposal by May 3, 1999.

On May 3, 1999, you called me at my office. You advised me that you were "not interested in any further dialogue with the Department of Justice."

During that May 3 conversation, I noted that you had advised the media of your interest in submitting to a polygraph examination to establish the truthfulness of your claims. I offered to arrange a polygraph if you indeed wished to take one. You refused to respond to that offer.

We are disappointed that you are not willing to cooperate with our investigation. Nonetheless, we respect your right not to cooperate. Accordingly, I will not contact you again.

Sincerely,

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