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December 29, 1999

BY HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Earl F. Hilliard
1314 Longworth House Office Building
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: In the Matter of Representative Earl F. Hilliard

Dear Representative Hilliard:

In connection with the matters now before it, the Investigative Subcommittee respectfully requests that you authorize the Subcommittee to obtain the following documents from the Internal Revenue Service and the Alabama Department of Revenue:

For the tax years 1992 through 1998, (1) complete copies of federal and state tax filings by the corporate entities currently or formerly known as Hilliards and Company, Inc., the American Trust Life Insurance Company, the American Trust Corporation; and (2) complete copies of federal and state tax filings by any other corporate or non-corporate entities owned in whole or in part by the corporate entity currently or formerly known as Hilliards and Company, Inc.

Blank copies of Internal Revenue Service Form 8821 and Alabama Department of Revenue Form 8821A are enclosed for your convenience for completion and forwarding to the pertinent government agencies. These forms may be duplicated as needed.

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated. As we understand that you intend soon to retain new counsel in this matter, we would understand and expect that

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you would consult with your new counsel before responding to this request. Nonetheless, we request that a response be submitted to the Subcommittee as soon as feasible.

Sincerely,



Kenneth E. Kellner

Counsel to the Investigative Subcommittee

Enclosures: IRS Form 8821 - Tax Information Authorization and General Instructions
Alabama Department of Revenue Form 8821A - Tax Information
Authorization

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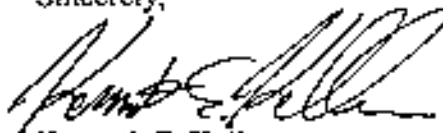
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Re: In the Matter of Representative Earl F. Hilliard

Dear Mr. Lotkin:

This letter is a reminder that the Investigative Subcommittee's request for authorization from your client for the Subcommittee to obtain certain tax filings is still pending. A copy of this December 29, 1999 request to Representative Hilliard was enclosed with David Laufman's letter to you dated January 21, 2000. At your earliest convenience, please inform us as to when we may expect to receive a response to the pending request.

Sincerely,



Kenneth E. Kellner

Counsel to the Investigative Subcommittee