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Dear Mr. Scanlan:

I have received your letter of February 26, 1997. I am sorry not to have responded earlier, but my staff and I have recently been, as you are no doubt aware, engaged in responding to other matters relating to Ms. Dean's convictions.

This office is generally closed to members of the public, and due to staffing, security, and other constraints, we are unable to provide the on-site access you have requested to trial exhibits sent to us by the district court in <u>United States v. Dean</u>. We have attached to this letter, however, copies of the exhibits the district court sent to us after trial and to which you referred in your letter.

Although your precise relationship to this matter and your need for the access you request are unclear, I and my staff have nonetheless reviewed and discussed your letter, the materials you sent in January 1995 relating to Nunn's consultant agreement with Arama, and the trial exhibits you wish to review. We did this in the interest of justice, since your letter potentially raised important issues. We also did so even though we were not at all convinced we were required to make such a review under the circumstances, since this case has been vigorously and exhaustively litigated at both the trial and appellate levels.

Following this review, your materials utterly failed to convince us that the conclusions you have drawn therein are correct or, even if your conclusions were correct, that these matters were relevant, material, or unknown to the defense at the time of trial,

or indeed, relevant or material to any possible issue that could be raised at this late juncture.

Sincerely,

Tarry D. Thompson Independent Counsel