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Yonovitz & Joe, L.L.P
Attn: Mr. Herbert Joe
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Re: U.S. v. Luke Samuels, et al, Criminal No. 99-50016, United States District Court, Western District of Louisiana, Shreveport Division.

Dear Herbert:

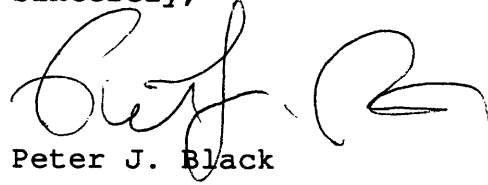
Yesterday, the Government dismissed the Indictment against all of the defendants in the Luke Samuels case. Although the Assistant U.S. Attorney handling the case has not told us why, I believe the Government, after consulting with Mr. Nakasone, was convinced that your reports on the voice analysis of our clients were correct. Dr. Nakasone's report was due on Friday, January 14, 2000. The Government did not provide it to us on Friday, nor did it produce it after the weekend. I can only conclude that Dr. Nakasone agreed with your opinion. It is astonishing to think that the confidential informant came so close to pulling something like this off.

I saw Titus yesterday to tell him the Government dismissed the case. As you might imagine our meeting was very emotional. Titus asked me to personally thank you for your efforts. Our hats are truly off to you and Dr. Yonovitz!

I have had Judge Payne sign off on your CJA voucher and I am enclosing a copy for you. You will have to sign it and return it to me. I apologize for not getting on the payment issue sooner. I have been up to my neck in work and quite frankly, in a deep despair over this case. I figured the Government would be too proud to back down and force us to take this case to trial, with the attendant risk that we would not get past the Daubert issue, or that if we did, the jury would not believe that the FBI could be scammed by a confidential informant.

Thank you again for the magnificent work and, especially, for having the courage to call it like you saw it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter J. Black", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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