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Keith A. Hippely
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Dear Mr. Hippely,

Please find enclosed a copy of statements alleged to have been made by you and provided to us thus far, by the Washington County, Oregon, District Attorney's offices. I appreciate the effort you made in attempting to set up a meeting between you, your attorney, and myself while I was in your area, and am sorry we could not meet face to face to offer you the opportunity to review and make any corrections to these documents. However, it was not imperative that we should meet, and as I explained, no one is obligated to speak to anyone about this matter, defense people or otherwise. Should you, however, find an error you wish to correct, or if you desire to elaborate on an issue that you would have liked to elaborate on earlier but were not permitted to, please feel free to contact me and I'll set up a telephone interview. Or, if you prefer, feel free to write.

Now, I'd like to take a moment to wish you well, and hope that your future will be filled with the joy you richly deserve. Whatever your belief system may be, may you be blessed in your endeavors. I'm sorry for your loss, and hope that you will try to understand that it is my belief that my client, Mr. Billy Lee Oatney, has been wrongfully accused. Any assistance that you can offer to either support or refute my belief is welcomed.

Sincerely,

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