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Dear Mr. Simmons:

On November 3, 1998, Mr. Michael Kelly and I each received letters from Mr. Jonathan Stack of Gabriel Films asking questions and requesting interviews relating to your case. We were informed that he is producing a film about the case.

I plan to answer the questions for both Mr. Kelly and me. You may be assured that I will not disclose any confidential information nor will I say anything which may prejudice your chances for an early release. We will both decline his offer of an interview because we do not wish to risk making any statements which may disclose confidential information or which may be interpreted in any way as prejudicial to your position.

One of Mr. Stack's questions relates to "the medical examiner's report that one of the girls was a virgin." Neither Mr. Kelly nor I had any knowledge of a medical report. I called Mr. Knoll and he told me there was a medical report and he permitted me to copy it. I also learned that he had provided you a copy of the report in 1994 together with pretrial witness statements and other documents pursuant to a writ of mandamus. Neither Mr. Kelly nor I had been aware of the report nor were we provided with nor offered a copy at the time of the trial. Additionally, we had no knowledge of your having been provided this information in 1994.

The report does not use the word "virgin" as reported in Mr. Stack's letter. It states (referring to Sharon Sanders) that "the hymen was intact" and that "she states that she really does not know if he put the penis in her vagina all the way."

In evaluating the information in the report, it should be noted that the charge and conviction were not of aggravated rape but attempted aggravated rape. Nevertheless, we wanted you to know that we had no knowledge of the report until November 3, 1998 and did not see a copy until the following day.

Yours truly,


Harold J. Brouillette

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