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PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Michael:

Thank you for your letters. I apologize for taking so long to respond. Business first: I encourage you to proceed in your writs in whatever way possible. I have absolutely no concern if you elect to attack your conviction on the basis of ineffective assistance of counsel by either myself or Jim. An area of concern that you have inquired about is the fact that we had been told that the witness that testified against you was seen to have been smoking marijuana in the restroom. Cooney and I elected not to call the witness who observed her before her courtroom testimony for our own reasons; however, you may wish to take that on as a matter that should have been addressed either prior to the witness' testimony, or that we should have presented a witness to testify to the fact that she had been smoking marijuana prior to testifying. I have absolutely no qualms about your raising that issue, and I wish you success in the pursuit of your appeals.

Very warm regards.

Your friend,



JOHN