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Mr. Maurice Kilpatrick Ward
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Dear Mr. Ward:

As you know, we wrote to you in January requesting that we be able to meet with you. We wanted to discuss the factors in your life and career that led you to engage in the conduct that led to your guilty plea and the sentence you are now serving. We also wanted to know how your career experiences in the Baltimore Police Department (BPD) and matters in your personal life (financial pressures, etc.) played a role in your engaging in that conduct, and whether you think things would have turned out differently for you if your training, your supervision, or other parts of your experience within BPD would have been different than they were. The goal is to understand, not to criticize or condemn.

We never heard back from you, which was disappointing. Since then, we have learned a number of things about you. We know that you come from a military background. We know that you were a committed father to your own two children, as well as the child of your longtime girlfriend. We know that you accepted the position in the GTTF because of the scheduling and financial benefits it offered, and that you requested a transfer when you learned that its members were involved in illegal activities. We know that prior to the crimes you committed with your co-defendants, you had an unblemished record. Obviously, none of these factors explain your conduct. Quite the contrary – they make it even harder to understand.

We also know that you were exceptionally cooperative with the members of the FBI Task Force and the US Attorney's Office and that you were unfailingly honest with them.

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We have spoken to one of the defendants in this case and found our lengthy discussion with him (by video) to be extremely helpful in understanding the factors that led him to engage in the conduct that led to his conviction. As a result, when we tell his story in our report, it will be based in significant part on what he told us. We will also tell your story, whether or not you decide to speak with us – but if we are unable to speak directly with you, it will not include your voice and your perspective other than the very limited information we have from your debriefings, your trial testimony, and your court proceedings.

We hope that you will change your mind about speaking with us. It would be helpful to us in completing our assignment, but it would also potentially be of great value to BPD recruits and young officers. If they could hear from you about the choices you made and why you made them, it might well help them to avoid the pressures and turn away from the temptations that you faced.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Michael R. Bromwich

cc: Honorable Catherine C. Blake
United States District Judge

Honorable James K. Bredar
United States District Judge