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Mr. Momodu Bondeva Gondo
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Dear Mr. Gondo:

As you know, we wrote to you in January requesting an interview. We wanted to discuss the factors in your life and career that led you to engage in the conduct that led to your indictment, guilty plea, your cooperation with the government, 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 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 have reviewed your trial testimony as well as the information you shared with the US Attorney's office and the FBI Task Force. We have learned that your mother passed away while you were incarcerated, and that you deeply regretted not to be able to pay your respects to her in the manner you wished. We know that at your sentencing you stated, "I would just say I'm truly remorseful for my actions. I apologize to the citizens of Baltimore for the distrust that I did do during these acts.... And I'm deeply saddened. It's a learning experience. And I just plan to just take this and just learn from it and let it be a testimony to my life. And I'm truly remorseful." Obviously, this expression of remorse, however sincere, does not explain your conduct.

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 are making arrangements to speak with a

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second defendant, whose story we will also tell, at least in part from his point of view. 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.

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. It would be a way for you to give back.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael R. Bromwich". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michael" and last name "Bromwich" clearly legible.

Michael R. Bromwich

cc: Honorable Catherine C. Blake
United States District Judge

Honorable James K. Bredar
United States District Judge