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Mr. Thomas Allers  
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Dear Mr. Allers:

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 indictment, conviction 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 (substance abuse issues, family issues, 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.

You sent us a letter back, stating that you had no interest in speaking with us and that your letter was the only communication we would have from you. We hope that is not the case.

Since then, we have learned a number of things about you. We know that you were raised by loving parents and that you have five brothers and sisters. We know that your ambition from the time you were a child was to join BPD but that the road was harder for you than for many others because of learning disabilities. We know that you struggled with alcoholism and that your son has battled substance abuse issues. We know that violent crime scenes stuck with you and traumatized you, and that you suffered from PTSD and depression. And I read the very moving comments made by your wife at your sentencing proceeding. All of this makes us more interested in speaking with you directly.

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. Having read all the compliments people paid to you at the time you were sentenced – in letters and in person – I would think your ability to affect the lives of other BPD officers for the better would matter to you. If BPD officers 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael R. Bromwich". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Michael R. Bromwich

cc: Honorable Catherine C. Blake  
United States District Judge

Honorable James K. Bredar  
United States District Judge