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Mr. Wayne Earl Jenkins  
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Dear Mr. Jenkins:

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, 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 (family issues, 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 exchanged emails over the Bureau of Prisons email system, and I then, at your request, spoke and corresponded with Stephen Paige until sometime in mid-February. I am not interested in dealing with you through intermediaries who are not your attorney but only directly with you. Since I wrote to you, we have learned a number of things about you. We have reviewed the information you shared with the US Attorney's office and the FBI Task Force before they broke off discussions with you. We have learned many things about your background, including that you were the youngest of five children, and that you followed in your father's footsteps in joining and serving in the Marine Corps. We have learned that you were very involved with your children, including continuing involvement in their education; that you served as a football coach for children in your community; that you supported your widowed aunt and aging parents; and that you were consistently helpful and supportive of friends and neighbors. Obviously, none of this serves to explain your criminal conduct. Quite the contrary: it makes it harder to understand.

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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 are making arrangements to speak with a 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.

In all candor, we make this offer to you with some reluctance. After spending many hours with you, prosecutors with the US Attorney's office and members of the FBI Task Force found you to be deceitful, manipulative, and unreliable. Former officers in the GTTF under your supervision shared a similar view of you as deceitful and unreliable, which they testified about under oath at the trial of Daniel Hersl and Marcus Taylor.

We are only interested in speaking with you if you are committed to being fully truthful and candid. If not, we are both wasting our time. A candid account of why you did what you did would 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,



Michael R. Bromwich

cc: Honorable Catherine C. Blake  
United States District Judge

Honorable James K. Bredar  
United States District Judge