

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
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Mr. Paul Martin
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Re: Suggestion for a
1990 Amendment Cycle

Dear Mr. Martin:

This is in response to the article, which appeared in the 11/13/89 issue of News and Views regarding needed input.

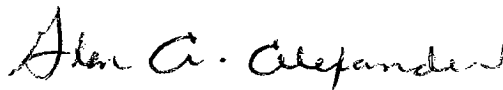
I feel one major problem with the guidelines, which was not addressed by the 11/01/89 revision is multiple bank robbery situations. I think we need to be able to make some addition for situations where several bank robberies occur within a short period of time and where the government chooses to prosecute all of the robberies at the same time.

It seems to me the present situation where the guideline range is increased through the use of units just does not reflect the seriousness of these multiple bank robbery cases. Bank robberies are such potentially dangerous situations that I feel the commission has a real responsibility to make sure these individuals are punished and to let others know sanctions for this type of behavior are very severe.

This problem has been discussed quite a bit in our office and I have had comments from Assistant U. S. Attorneys and FBI Agents regarding the apparent leniency of the guidelines in this type situation.

Thank you very much for taking time to consider my comments. I hope this will be helpful to you in some way.

Sincerely yours,



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U. S. Probation Officer

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