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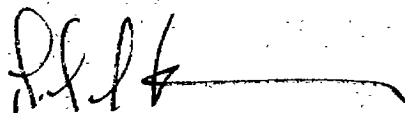
Communications Director
U.S. Sentencing Commission
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Washington, DC 20004

Dear Sir:

In response to your request for comments on areas the Commission might study, I ask that you consider providing the computer software program, Assyst, in a format making it usable on a Macintosh Computer.

Also, the Commission should consider deleting the sentence in §5H1.4 which states that drug dependency or alcohol abuse is not a reason for imposing a sentence below the guidelines. I think it is unfair to allow the courts to use drug dependency or alcohol abuse as grounds for going above the guidelines, while not allowing it to be considered as a factor which might support a downward departure.

Sincerely,



Richard Crane

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