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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
SECOND CIRCUIT

CHAMBERS OF
JAMES L. OAKES
CHIEF JUDGE

BRATTLEBORO, VERMONT 05302-0696

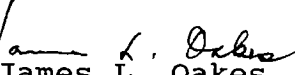
October 29, 1990

Honorable William W. Wilkins, Jr.
Chairman, U. S. Sentencing Commission
1331 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
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Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Judge Wilkins:

In reply to your letter of September 12, 1990, while I believe that you and the commission have done a very good job with what you were required to do, to my mind the mechanistic and artificial nature of the sentencing guidelines makes for as much inequity in sentencing, or more, than did our former system. I am one of those who thinks that guidelines should be guidelines and not mandatory or semi-mandatory requirements.

Very truly yours,


James L. Oakes
Chief Judge

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