

PCRI-39/91

United States District Court
Eastern District of Kentucky

Chambers of
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Judge

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Honorable William W. Wilkins, Judge
Chairman, United States Sentencing Commission
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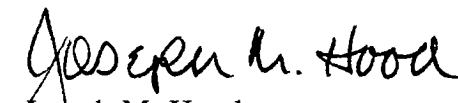
Dear Judge Wilkins,

In response to your letter dated September 21, 1990, I am afraid that I am too new to offer much of substance regarding the sentencing guidelines.

I am surprised to learn that the guilty plea rate has remained unchanged under the guidelines when compared to pre-guideline sentencing practices. I seem to think that the four-point swing (the two point deduction for acceptance of responsibility and the two-point increase for testifying falsely) would operate as an incentive to plead guilty,

I am aware that the sentencing commission is reviewing the guidelines and will gladly share my views if I encounter a situation which I believe needs clarification.

Very truly yours,


Joseph M. Hood

JMH/sue