

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

Northern District of Illinois
219 South Dearborn Street
Chicago, Illinois
60604

Chambers of
George W. Lindberg
District Judge

(312) 435-5355
FTS 387-5355

October 4, 1990

Honorable William W. Wilkins, Jr.
U.S. Sentencing Commission
1331 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 1400
Washington, D.C. 20004

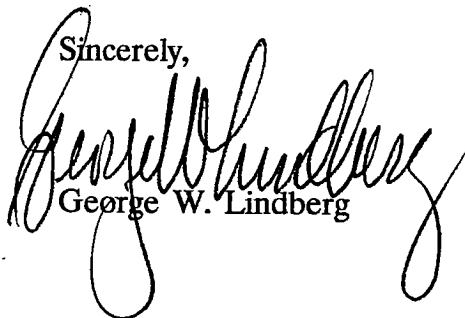
Dear Judge Wilkins:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment outlined in your letter of September 21, 1990. Although I participate in our weekly Sentencing Council reviews of presentence reports for sentencing scheduled for the week, I don't feel I have had enough exposure to make meaningful comments; I have sentenced less than 50 defendants since my induction in November 1989.

Nonetheless, I support the general guideline objectives. If anything, our Sentencing Council discussions reflect a wide disparity of views among judges even within the ranges. It is obvious rational restraints are desirable if a reasonable degree of fairness is to be achieved.

Congratulations on your accomplishments and good luck in your future efforts toward a laudable goal.

Sincerely,



George W. Lindberg

GWL/dma