

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

WOODROW SEALS
SENIOR U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE
P.O. BOX 61547
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77208

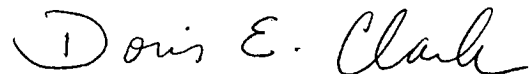
October 9, 1990

William W. Wilkins, Jr., Chairman
United States Sentencing Commission
1331 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Suite 1400
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Chairman Wilkins:

Judge Seals is seriously ill and will be undergoing heart surgery in the next few weeks, so I am taking the liberty of replying to your letter of September 27 regarding comments on the sentencing guidelines. When Judge took senior status in December 1982, he ceased hearing criminal cases. Although he did hear three criminal cases in 1983 and 1984 at the request of our Chief Judge, he has heard none since the guidelines went into effect. His trial docket consists solely of civil cases in which a jury has been requested.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Doris E. Clark". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Doris E. Clark
Secretary