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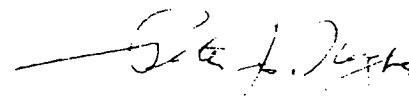
RE: Federal Sentencing Guidelines/MONEY LAUNDERING

Dear Mr. Courlander:

I am writing to respond to the request for public opinion on the Money Laundering guideline.

I urge that, as the Commission has recommended, in cases where there is a money-laundering conviction but money-laundering is not the prime objective of the activity (e.g., interstate transportation of stolen property), the sentence be tied to the underlying offense rather than to the money-laundering statute. The lengthy sentences which have resulted from the current application of the Guidelines are not only unfair but in my opinion a misuse of scarce resources which would be better used to incarcerate more violent or repeat offenders.

Very truly yours,



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