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May 14, 1986

Honorable Strom Thurmond
Chairman
Senate Judiciary Committee
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510
ATTENTION: Mr. Dennis Shedd
Chief Counsel

Dear Senator Thurmond:

After a productive hearing on offense seriousness, the U.S. Sentencing Commission is holding a second hearing May 22 to discuss the availability and reliability of prior record information and how that prior record information should affect sentencing.

Testimony will address the weighting of felony convictions, appropriateness of a decay factor, inclusion of juvenile, tribal or military convictions and other issues affecting the development of sentencing guidelines. The Commission would be pleased to have you or a member of your staff attend the hearing.

Testifying will be a federal prosecutor, public defender, the chief of the probation division, three probation officers and an FBI records expert. The hearing will begin at 10 a.m. in the Commission's hearing room, 14th Floor of the North Office Tower at National Place, 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20004.

Enclosed please find an agenda for the hearing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Billy".

William W. Wilkins, Jr.
Chairman

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AGENDA

**United States Sentencing Commission
Hearing on the Treatment of Prior Criminal Record**

May 22, 1986

10 a.m.	Chairman William W. Wilkins, Jr. Opening Remarks
10:15 a.m.	United States Attorneys Speaker: William F. Weld, U.S. Attorney, Boston, MA
10:30 a.m.	Federal Public Defenders Association Speaker: Thomas W. Hillier, Federal Public Defender, Seattle, WA
10:45 a.m.	Federal Bureau of Investigation Speaker: Melvin D. Mercer, Jr., Section Chief, Recording and Posting Division
BREAK	
11:30 a.m.	Probation Division, Administrative Office of the United States Courts Speaker: Donald L. Chamlee, Director
12 noon	United States Probation Officers - Panel * William "Dan" D. Broome, Chief USPO, Fargo, ND * Robert C. Hughes, Jr., Supervising USPO, Macon, GA * Joel Weber, USPO, New York, NY
1:00 p.m.	Chairman Wilkins Closing Remarks