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Dear Mr. Gartin:

Good day to you. Thank you for your e-mail of March 13, 2004. I appreciate your frustrations with my lack of interest in computerized communications. Many lawyers prefer non-electronic communications for solid reasons. A quick response often is not well thought out and leads to worse, rather than better communication. An easy solution is for you to simply place your e-mails in an envelope, mail them to me as clients of lawyers have since Benjamin Franklin began the United States postal system, and trust that the message will be received by me.

I also must request that you not send any documents by facsimile or e-mail in the future in absence of an emergency. Also, please do not call my home after 7:00 p.m. You can leave a message on my business, or cell phone. I must ask you not to use 303.442.8065 in the future as it is my wife's business line. Your calls of March 14, 2004, caused all of my family some concerns as I had retired for the evening and the frequent ringing of the phones became a family distraction and source of frustration. My home life is important to me and your abuse of it requires that I ask you to respect my privacy.

While I am your lawyer, I am not your servant. I do read your materials I find germane to the issues at hand. Most of your pleadings are filled with inflammatory rhetoric that you apologized to Marlene Langfield for. The pleadings are verbose, and ultimately became more damaging to your case than helpful. None of your pleadings represent the work of a competent attorney to my knowledge, nor would I sign any. Your insistence on my application of your pleadings to your case is counter-productive to my representation of you, and therefore counter productive to you, a client and friend I care about dearly.

Despite the communications problems you perceive, I have obtained a dismissal of two felony charges and one misdemeanor in 02 CR 3011. I have since been working on a Motions hearing to remove your CCIC and NCIC "jacket," as you requested. And, I am also working on a Rule 35(c) Motion for dismissal of the misdemeanor charge in 00 CR 3371, so that matter might be sealed. I accomplished the dismissal by reading the appropriate and necessary discovery, statutes, and cases, as lawyers are required to do in their competent representation of their clients.

I need to point out to you that while I admire your willingness to enter into the affairs of other people for their benefit, I feel quite competent to care for myself. On several occasions, you have called me late in the evening, obviously drunk, and you have railed against me in a most disparaging manner. This is a serious problem especially as concerns the uphill battle in the work I am doing to have your CCIC and NCIC records amended. One issue, as Gary Clyman contends, is statements you have made about not allowing anyone to arrest you. His concern is that you are a loose cannon who has the ability to harm or kill police officers in an uncontrolled rage. Marlene Langfield may bring up the anger management issue and use it as evidence because of your several imprisonments. Thus, your uncontrolled rages toward me make your representation unsettling, especially when I am arguing for your self-control and Godly spirit. Most recently you offered to meet the "Liberator" publicly in a full contact fight. I have strongly advised you against that kind of

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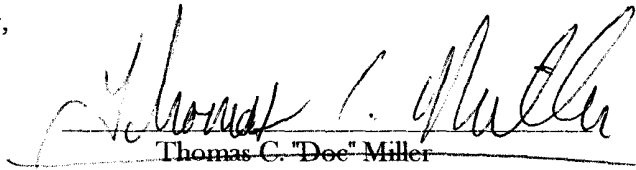
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behavior. Worse yet, you recently suggested inviting him to your hearing on April 8, 2004, in what I can only describe as a self-fulfilling prophecy of destruction.

You have a remarkable mind, a willing spirit, and a generous heart. You also have expectations of others who don't have all of God's gifts that you do. As I have said in many telephone conversations, I am mortal. I do not have the intellectual desire, nor the physical strength, to range across the plethora of issues you request me to take action on. Most specifically, you complain of my failure to obtain the level of computer literacy you have. To explain, I can only state that I'm not as competent as you in the expediences of electronic communications. Nevertheless, I'm quite interested in my clients and their representation in the courtroom. I have involved myself in the wonders of the 21st century to the extent that I have time to incorporate those marvels into my life.

As I explained several weeks ago; I'm not a house painter, I am an artist. I must pick the colors, the palette, and the subject matter. I have a true and abiding love and respect for you and the man you want to become. I do believe that you have been wronged by the criminal justice system and I have done everything within my power to right those wrongs. I will continue to represent you with the utmost of competency and ethical standards. However, I need to advise you that as of April 8, 2004, my state funded representation of you will come to its completion, and I will be filing a Motion to Withdraw upon that event. Please take care of my dear friend and client, Steve Gartin.

Yours truly,


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