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Hon. Earl B. Gilliam
United State District Court
Southern District Court
940 Front Street
San Diego, CA 92189

Dear Judge Gilliam:

I recently sent the attached letter out to Judge Keep. At that time, I neglected to send a copy out to you.

Wishing you a quick recovery, I remain.

Sincerely,

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March 8, 1994

Hon. Judith N. Keep, Chief Judge
United States District Court
Southern District of California
940 Front Street
San Diego, CA 92189

Dear Judge Keep:

I am in receipt of your letter dated January 21st. 1994. Thank you for the letter.

While I understand that Judge Gilliam is ill, and therefore cannot answer my question at this time, I would respectfully disagree with your opinion that " he is likely to choose to not respond to your request ".

Over the short four years that I had the pleasure of practicing in front of Judge Gilliam, two incidents stand in mind. One was when I won a jury trial and Judge Gilliam congratulated me in public. The other was when I was late one day and Judge Gilliam called me into chambers and had a one on one talk with me. That is the nature of Judge Gilliam. I believe had Judge Gilliam been aware that there was an investigation of me, he would have talked to me about it.

I would also disagree with your opinion that " Your request is not the type of issue that he is likely to prioritize ". I remember Judge Gilliam telling me " Mr. Sherif, your reputation is all you have as a lawyer. Guard it and nourish it with great care ".

Since my letter concerns my reputation and the damage done to it in the name of (" the investigation was done pursuant to the orders of a Federal District Court Judge ") I am sure Judge Gilliam would have talked to me about it.

A few days ago I had a conversation with another Attorney who told me that he was contacted by the " investigator " (who is incidentally an Attorney practicing Criminal Defense in San Diego), seeking negative information on me. This Attorney said that the investigator led him to believe that his actions were

sanctioned and authorized by "Judge Keep ". I have also previously sent you a letter in which Attorney Beverly Barrett in public stated that the "judges are building a case against Mr. Sherif ", "I will bring this up to Judge Keep ", as if her actions were going to be sanctioned by the Chief Judge of the Federal District Court Southern District of California. (See letter dated December 3, 1993 from Attorney Sherif to Attorney Beverly A. Barrett).

On October 5th, 1993, I sent you a letter I am hereby attaching. Through your secretary, Nancy Amans, you had read to me a note saying that you had not ordered an investigation of me.

In light of the above it truly concerns and disappoints me that actions are being taken by defense lawyers in the name of "sanctioned by a Federal District Court Judge " and the court has chosen to keep quiet in light of all this.

Yes, Judge Gilliam is right. A lawyer only has his reputation. I intend to clear my name. For me it is a priority.

Sincerely,

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