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April 26, 2000

Douglas Valentine 136 Captain Street Longmeadow, MA 01106

Re: Valentine v. Central Intelligence Agency

Dear Doug:

Enclosed is a draft status report for your review. Please call me with any comments and to fill in the date on paragraph 5. You will not need to move to amend because the CIA has not yet filed an answer. Fed. R. Civ. P. 15.

The CIA anticipates that it will take six months to process your appeal. In the meantime, the agency counsel has reviewed the matter and is planning to make a supplemental release of documents shortly. In addition, we are looking into whether documents have been withheld in full without being identified.

Please let me hear from you on this draft by Friday, which is the due date for the status report.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

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