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Dear Ms. Sassower:

This letter is in response to your correspondence of May 6, 1997. After our initial conversations and review of the documents, I attempted to contact you to advise you that there did not appear to be a basis to initiate a federal criminal investigation. I understand that you are now in contact with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Please do not hesitate to bring any further information to the FBI's attention.

Very truly yours,

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