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Supervisory Special Agent James J. Wedick, Jr.
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Dear Jim:

Thank you for your service and your outstanding career spanning more than 31 years with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, culminating with your service for the past several years as a Supervisory Special Agent in the Sacramento Field Division.

You have a very impressive list of accomplishments, beginning as a young agent in the Indianapolis Field Division, and then in Sacramento. Your success on the undercover assignment Operation Fountain Pen, and the investigation that followed, led to your appointment in an undercover role in the ABSCAM investigation, one of the most prominent and successful public corruption prosecutions in our history. In Sacramento, your investigations of organized crime figure Joe Bonanno, California State Teachers' Retirement System Chairman Gil Chilton, Operation REZONE in Fresno and Clovis, and Operation BRISPEC were models for other agents to emulate. Your involvement in this operation rightly earned you the FBI Director's Award for Outstanding Criminal Investigation and a nomination by the U.S. Attorney for the Attorney General's Award as Criminal Investigator of the Year.

Throughout your career, your performance has been in the highest traditions of the Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Congratulations on your retirement and thank you for your service to the nation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Ashcroft".

John Ashcroft
Attorney General