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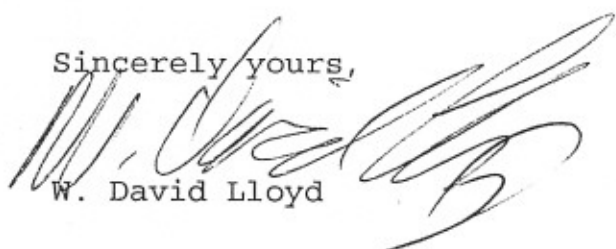
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Dear Ronnie:

Enclosed is a copy of the opinion in your case. As you probably already know, we lost. I have considered the opinion at length and have talked to other lawyers including Jack. I simply see no realistic basis for hope of a reversal in the N. C. Supreme Court. Therefore, Jack and I decline to seek certiorari or discretionary review in your case. If you send your father over, I will be glad to turn over your file to him. You have 35 days from the date of the opinion, October 3, 2000 to seek discretionary review. You would need to file with our Supreme Court in order to exhaust state remedies to preserve any federal habeas options. I wish you well.

I am and remain,

Sincerely yours,


W. David Lloyd

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Enclosure:
cc: Jack Hatfield