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Dear Dick:

I have seen the letter you sent Jack indicating that you intended to try Ronnie Kimble's case in late January. As I indicated to you on the phone, a major reason for my accepting appointment to this case was your assurance when I talked to you that the case "would not be tried before May." I felt then, as I still do, that my heavy schedule would not allow adequate preparation if a trial date prior to May was contemplated. With that assurance I simply have not prepared for this case as I should have.

I realize that scheduling power rests with the prosecution and that I will not be able to change that fundamental unfairness. I also recognize the realities of the situation are such that it would be unlikely for a judge to grant us a continuance. Although we have faced each other in adversarial roles many times, I have a great deal of respect for your skill and ability as a lawyer and I would hope there is at least some mutual feeling on your part. I would simply ask that as a concession to that, if nothing else, we sit down and see if we could not come up with a mutually agreeable trial date.

I am and remain

Sincerely yours


W. David Lloyd

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cc: Jack Hatfield