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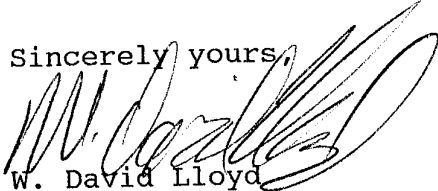
Dear Dick:

I just read your letter of October 28. It would be pointless to debate my differences with you concerning this case. However, there is one matter I cannot overlook. In our initial conversation concerning this case, you told me that the case "would not be tried before May." That is as close to a verbatim quote as I can come. I have no doubts that you did not have a calendar at the time you said this, but you did not "commit[] to a May date" as you indicated in your last letter. You simply said the case "would not be tried before May." I accept that you don't remember making this statement since the time when the case might be tried was not a critical issue as it was with me.

Whether or not you believe me is your business, but let me assure you that I didn't make up what you said to me to accommodate Jack Hatfield's vacation schedule or because Wally Harrleson suggested it to me.

I am and remain

Sincerely yours,


W. David Lloyd

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