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Dear Jeff

Following our phone call on Friday I felt I needed to write one last time; unless you've pulled off a great legal coup I'll be gone by the time you read this but I can't go without again thanking you and everyone at your firm, past & present, for the top notch representation you've provided me over the last 2+ decades. I am forever grateful for that, and for having the opportunity to meet you in the process. If the facts of my case, or my personality, or my writing(s), or whatever have played any small part in shaping your thought process or beliefs in a positive way, well that's all for the good. I know you've certainly gotten an eye-opening education about the criminal justice system!

I was touched by your offer to visit (you & Jeff) and I would have enjoyed that under better circumstances, but it would not have been a quality visit, trust me, given the constraints imposed by the procedures here in the final few days. And, I would not have felt good about having you guys fly all the way down here for a truncated, late-evening, on-the-eve-of-execution visit conducted behind the glass. At the visit yesterday Traci repeated your offer & I again declined it, so she stepped outside & called your office and left a message. Later I began to regret it, thinking maybe I should

have agreed, maybe it was more important to you than I had realized. So, I'm a little conflicted as I write this, but, well, it's academic now, that ship has sailed. At any rate I thank you (and Jeff) for wanting to come.

At the risk of repeating myself I want to thank you for fighting the good fight. As I wrote to Mark Ollive in a recent letter of thanks, while we can't always prevail it's important to show up, to take the field, in acknowledgement of the importance of the issues at stake. Writing from the center of the death machine I can tell you it is very ugly, the entire process, including what it does to those imposing the punishment. This is beneath the dignity of good citizens; we - as a people - are better than this. One day this will end and people will look back upon these days and they'll wonder what we were thinking to ever believe this is sound policy, to systematically & ritually kill other human beings. When that day comes it will be in big part because of attorneys like you who stepped up to the plate and challenged the state's thinking, challenged the status quo that says it's O.K. to kill people under the banner of the law. You should be proud of what you did in my case and proud of how it's enlightened you.

With that I'll bid you goodbye. On a personal note don't shed tears for me, I will finally be free, no more chains or shackles or prison bars! But next time around I'll make good on all my potential I so foolishly squandered away this time, I promise you that!

I remain,
Bill