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Dear Mr. Gordon:

This is in response to your letter of March 31, 1977 inquiring whether I would be able to submit an affidavit supporting that of Mr. Mason in connection with certain deficiencies in the transcript of the fee hearing in the TMT case. I regret that I do not believe that I am in a position to submit such an affidavit.

Although I have not reviewed the transcript of the proceeding, I do not believe my memory of the events is sufficiently clear to allow the filing of an affidavit. In addition, I no longer have possession of my notes taken at the hearing. The notes were left in a "working file" at the S.E.C. Since the "working file" was not an official file of the S.E.C., it is likely that the notes have been discarded following my departure from the staff.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Gearold L. Knowles Senior Attorney