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The Hon. Dickenson R. Debevoise, J.U.S.D.C.
The Courthouse and Post Office Building
Newark, N.J. 07101

Re: U.S. v. Surface et al, Crim no. 83-160, regarding the representation of John Thomas Riley.

Dear Judge Debevoise:

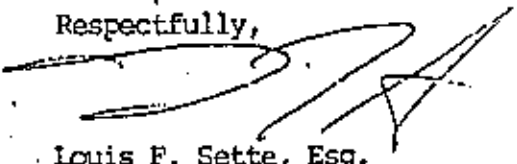
Enclosed is a signed CJA Form 21. Though this form was recently signed by the expert and me, the retention of the expert was approved by Your Honor prior to the time he began his work on this case.

Your Honor's Aug. 19, 1983 Order, in copy form, which authorized the expert's hiring at a certain amount, is attached:

The expert, Don Frangipiani, took various samples of John Thomas Riley's handwriting, visiting the Metropolitan Correctional Center to do so. Thereafter he visited the U.S. Attorney's Office in Newark to compare Riley's handwriting to a certain, potentially inculpatng government exhibit. Based on the expert's report, the A.U.S.A. stipulated at trial that the handwriting and signature on the exhibit were not those of the defendant.

If Your Honor finds these papers in order, please sign them and forward the Clerk, United States District Court.

Respectfully,



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