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Mr. Anthony Cioffi
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Re: Post-conviction matters

Dear Mr. Cioffi:

I enclose copies of recent documents concerning your cases. The first is an Order from the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals denying our petition for leave to appeal. The second is a supplemental memorandum filed by the Ohio Attorney General in the case which we still have pending in the District Court. In this document, the Attorney General simply calls the District Court's attention to the 6th Circuit's recent ruling as mentioned above.

You still have one Habeas Corpus Petition pending in the District Court. I expect that a decision by the Court is imminent and that it will not be favorable. When and if that happens, you will have the ability to petition the 6th Circuit for a review of the District Court's decision. You currently may have appeal rights from the 6th Circuit decision contained in the enclosed order. If you wish to seek review of the enclosed 6th Circuit decision you should IMMEDIATELY make arrangements to retain other counsel for that purpose. I am not taking any action to protect any further rights you may have on appeal of these matters. There are very strict time deadlines which apply in these cases and I urge you not to delay in consulting and hiring appellate counsel.

Over six months ago, I reluctantly wrote to you and indicated that we had not received payment on your long overdue invoice. At that time, I advised you that if the past-due invoice was not paid in full on or before July 29, 2005 we must stop all work on your cases. I empathize with the difficult position you are in, trying to fight these convictions while in custody and relying upon the generosity of friends and family to cover legal fees, and truly hoped that our considerable efforts would prove fruitful. My belief in your cause was such that I continued in your case even when it became apparent that you were unable to finance further efforts and have not billed you for my time or the out of pocket expenses I advanced on your behalf in the 6th Circuit. However, I am unable to continue representing you in any further appeals of the matters which are now pending. I will continue to keep you apprised of any decisions issued by the District Court. Otherwise, I am taking no further action on your behalf.