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Mr. George P. Christie, President
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Dear Mr. ^{George} Christie

I am in receipt of your letter of July 13, 2006, regarding an article in the July 6, 2006 Philadelphia Inquirer. I have carefully reviewed your comments and offer the following.

You are critical of alleged quotes and comments by the judiciary yet a careful reading of the article reveals that only two of the cited remarks referred to on Pages 1 and 2 of your letter are quotes. Specifically, you object to:

'These are people who prosecutors . . . have determined are able to be supervised in the community rather than confined to an institution[;]' and

'We didn't put a plan out there and leave it to lie,' she said. 'We're looking at this literally hour by hour.'

Not only are both quotes accurate and appropriate, but the latter succinctly describes the continuing and arduous analysis that we engaged in to ensure that the public interest was served during the shutdown period.

I see no point in engaging in a debate as to the reporter's interpretive "spin" and exercise of editorial license on other accurate factual information provided to her in the course of an interview. I know that you and your colleagues have experienced this in the past, and I see no need to pursue the matter further.

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In your letter, you ask for a confirmation that probation officers retain the continuing confidence of the judiciary in their work. You may advise your membership that we do indeed have such confidence and will, as always, provide support and assistance to these officers in their important work.

Best personal regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Carchman', written in a cursive style.

PHILIP S. CARCHMAN, J.A.D.