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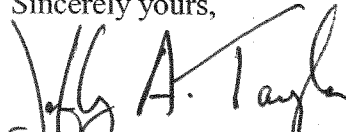
Dear Mr. Connolly:

This letter reiterates the Department's position concerning your client, Dr. Steven Hatfill, which we had sought to make clear at our August 6, 2008, press conference.

Over the course of the FBI's seven-year investigation into the anthrax mailings of 2001, the FBI scrutinized hundreds of potential suspects in the United States and abroad, and always endeavored to follow the evidence wherever it led. That evidence led to one man, Dr. Bruce Ivins, and excluded your client as a subject or target of the investigation. As the Department stated publicly on August 6, 2008, we believe that Dr. Ivins, acting alone, committed the anthrax mailings.

The scientific breakthroughs that allowed investigators to trace the source of the anthrax used in the 2001 attacks to the flask of anthrax stored in Dr. Ivins's laboratory at USAMRIID took several years to develop and validate. These forensic techniques did not exist in the summer of 2002, when the FBI conducted a search at the home of your client. We have concluded, based on lab access records, witness accounts, and other information, that Dr. Hatfill did not have access to the particular anthrax used in the attacks, and that he was not involved in the anthrax mailings.

Sincerely yours,


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