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Re: Alfred Trenkler

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Enclosed please find a copy of a letter from Thomas Shay that was forwarded to me from the Boston Police Department. In it, Mr. Shay claims that Mr. Trenkler is innocent and that Thomas Shay, Sr. and his attorney were the "real codefendants." However, Mr. Shay provides no evidence or indeed any information to support this claim. More importantly, such a claim contradicts Mr. Shay's signed plea agreement, as well as his guilty plea, in which he admitted to conspiring with Alfred Trenkler to build the bomb that killed Officer Hurley and maimed Officer Foley.

Nevertheless, a copy of this letter has been forwarded to Mr. Shay's former counsel, William Kettlewell, and the government has requested the opportunity to speak with Mr. Shay should he wish to be debriefed regarding the claims raised in his letter. Should the government subsequently learn of any exculpatory evidence as a result of any such meeting, it will be promptly disclosed to you.

Very truly yours,

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By:



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