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Mr. Lee Kent Hempfling
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Dear Mr. Hempfling:

I am in receipt of your letter and complaint forwarded to United States Attorney J. Strom Thurmond, Jr. on January 13, 2004. United States Attorney Thurmond asked me to follow up on your recent phone call regarding the status of your complaint and whether or not your allegations were being investigated. This office does not investigate allegations of criminal conduct. The crimes which you have alleged are investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). This office is responsible for the prosecution of federal cases after they have been investigated by federal agencies and found to have prosecutive merit. I have not forwarded your complaint to the Federal Bureau of Investigation because your complaint states that you have already submitted it to that agency (through Director Mueller). However, by copy of this letter I am informing Tom O'Neill, Chief Division Counsel for the FBI in South Carolina of your continued interest in having this matter investigated. If his office has not received the copy of the complaint you sent to Director Mueller I will be happy to furnish him with a copy.

Sincerely,

J. STROM THURMOND, JR.
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