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Dear Ronnie:

I am in receipt of your letter of January 5. It is true that I supported your position in the American Justice program as well as I possibly could. What I tried to convey was that the court favored the prosecution in many ways and that I personally do not think you could murder anyone based on the many hours I have spent with you.

With regard to whether I can take on your case again, first of all I am not and never have tried to be a specialist in appeals. I have done very few in my career and just do not feel qualified to handle post conviction matters as complex as yours.

When you talk about impeachable witnesses, I frankly am a little dubious. I do not think you can raise that issue at this late date.

Looking back, I think we correctly anticipated that Mitch Whidden would be your biggest problem. He came on with his pious nonsense and his wife with her crocodile tears and the jury seemed to buy it. Remember that juries are hungry for insight into a defendant's state of mind and evidently they concluded that something you said to Mitch revealed your guilt.

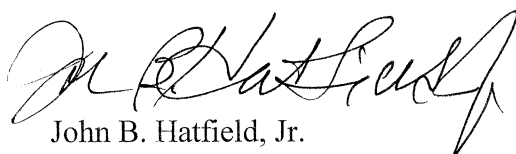
I am glad you have a friend who cares about you and I know Kim will always be your friend. Your situation is terribly hard and it has a very serious impact on your mom and dad. Fortunately you have a deep faith and that will get you through this ordeal.

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If the people at the prison will allow you to look at the DVD of the American Justice program, I will send it to you. Either send me a letter or call my secretary, Phyllis, and she will mail it to you.

Take care of yourself and best wishes.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John B. Hatfield, Jr.", written in black ink.

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