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April 10, 2001

Theodore M. Kimble, #0599011  
Caledonia Correctional Institute  
Post Office Box 137  
Tillery, North Carolina 27887

Re: *State v. Theodore Mead Kimble*  
COA 99-1518

Dear Ted:

I regret to inform you that on April 5, 2001, the State Supreme Court denied the petition for discretionary review in your case. That means the Court has decided *not* to review the Court of Appeals' opinion which upheld your sentences. As you know, the Office of the Appellate Defender was appointed to represent you on appeal. Unfortunately, the appeals process is now over and there is nothing more my office can do for you. Therefore, our legal representation of you has come to an end.

You should know that you yourself have the right to file a petition for writ of certiorari in the United States Supreme Court to "appeal" the State court decisions. Such a petition must be filed by July 4, 2001. You also have the right to file a post-conviction petition for writ of habeas corpus in United States District Court alleging any violations of your federal constitutional rights I argued in your brief. Such a petition must be filed by April 5, 2002.

Finally, you have the right to file a post-conviction motion for appropriate relief ("MAR") in Guilford County Superior Court alleging errors that I could not argue in your brief, such as newly discovered evidence or ineffective assistance of counsel. A group of lawyers in Raleigh will study your case for free and might decide to take it into post-conviction. You can contact them at the following address:

North Carolina Prisoner Legal Services  
Post Office Box 25397  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27611  
#919-856-2200

I have enclosed my copy of your complete transcript. This is the only copy I have, so please take good care of it in case you need it in the future. Please let me know if you want any other documents from your file and I will send them to you. I would also be happy to

answer any questions you might have. Again, I am very sorry I was not able to obtain a better result for you in the appeal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Danielle M. Carman", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Danielle M. Carman  
Assistant Director

cc: Rev. Ronnie and Edna Kimble  
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