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Washington, D. C. 20543

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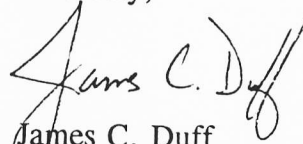
December 17, 1996

Mr. Lester Swartz
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Dear Mr. Swartz:

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your November 29, 1996 letter, requesting a copy of Justice Kennedy's denial of your application for relief (Application No. A-988). There is no formal order signed by a Justice that is released to the public. According to the Supreme Court Rules, the Clerk will advise the party or parties whether or not an application for relief has been granted or denied by a Justice. As a matter of policy, therefore, I am not able to provide you with documentation signed by Justice Kennedy of the disposition of Application No. A-988.

Sincerely,


James C. Duff