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April 23, 2010

Mr. Neil J. Gillespie 8092 SW 115th Loop Ocala, FL 34481

VIA REGULAR U.S. MAIL

Re: Response to your April 20, 2010 Letter

Dear Mr. Gillespie:

You are correct that all JNC records are open to the public but I can't give you records that I don't have. If I had notes of interviews and investigations I would gladly give them to you but they don't exist.

You construe the rules cited in your April 20, 2010 letter to require the preparation of written notes of interviews conducted by each commissioner. I don't agree with your interpretation of the rules. I have never prepared a written summary of my notes and I doubt that it would be helpful to the other commissioners or to the Governor's office if I did.

The responsibility of each JNC is to assist the Governor in selecting the best qualified candidates for appointment. It has been my experience that the Governor and his staff diligently investigate each candidate as thoroughly as we do. As a result, much of the material in each application is investigated twice before the Governor makes a decision or an appointment. The 13th Circuit Commission has simply narrowed the process by sending up six nominations but the Governor's office conducts its own investigation without any influence from our personal notes and impressions.

The only reason I contacted Mr. Wheeler was because of your complaint about Mr. Bajo and Mr. Barker. Had I known of your withdrawal of those complaints I would not have contacted Mr. Wheeler. The only reason I mentioned Mr. Rodems at all was because I believed your complaint about Mr. Bajo related to his handling of the investigation of Mr. Rodems. I have never made any attempt to influence the Governor's decision on any applicant to the Commission.

I am sorry that you and I disagree over the interpretation of JNC rules. My intent has always been to serve the Governor and the public trust and to be as diligent as I am capable of being in helping to be sure that we get the best qualified judges as possible in the 13th Circuit. It

Sincerely

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seems to me that the process is working.

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