United States Court of Appeals Eleventh Judicial Circuit

Gerald Bard Tjoflat Circuit Judge 300 North Hogan Street, Suite 14-200 Jacksonville, Florida 32202-4257

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Honorable Charles Grassley Chairman Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate Washington, DC 20530

Dear Chairman Grassley:

I write in response to your request for information on the status of the Special Committee's investigation of the complaints lodged against Judge Mark E. Fuller. I assure you that the Special Committee's investigation is progressing swiftly and with diligence and that the Committee is making every effort to complete its task promptly.

The Judicial Conduct and Disability Act provides specific procedures designed to ensure a thorough investigation by the Special Committee and the submission of the Special Committee's report (with findings of fact and a recommended disposition) to the Judicial Council. The Judicial Council's review of the Special Committee's report may result in its adoption or revision of the report or the need for further investigation by the Judicial Council or the Special Committee. Given these possible outcomes, we are presently unable to determine the precise path and timing of this matter. Nonetheless, we assure you that we are affording this matter our fullest attention and proceeding as expeditiously as possible.

Thank you for your inquiry.

Sincerely,

Gerald Bard Tjoflat

Chair, Special Committee

cc:

Honorable Patrick Leahy

Members of the Special Committee