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The Honorable Paul L. Friedman
Federal District Court of Washington, DC
333 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20001

RE: US vs. Walt Anderson

Dear Judge Friedman,

I am writing to you directly because I effectively have had no legal counsel since June of this year when Chadbourne Parke stopped working on my case due to my inability to pay them.

I am concerned and worried since this is a critical time in the preparation of my case. Prior to their stopping work, my counsel discussed numerous critical and necessary filings which needed to be made and a number of other steps necessary to prepare my case. These have not been done.

I have lost three months at a critical time and based on your statement at prior hearings relating to the trial schedule this delay could force the trial to be held much later than February/March of 2006.

I have submitted by financial statement and sworn to its accuracy. The prosecution claims it is false but has presented no evidence to support their claims.

I have attempted to answer questions related to my relationship with Chadbourne Parke and why I believed that I would have the ability to pay them. The prosecution has cooperated with a civil litigant (Gold & Appel Liquidator) to pursue a 304 bankruptcy action which has tied up assets which were to be sold by companies which I worked with so that those companies were not able to honor legal cost indemnification agreements they have with me.

I am ready to take whatever other steps are necessary to demonstrate that I do not have the financial resources to pay for my legal counsel at this time.

I am, as proffered by Chadbourne Parke, prepared to repay any cost incurred by court appointed counsel if my financial condition changes in the future. I also understand that you will be able to levy charges at any time during this proceeding if you believe my claims regarding my financial situation are not true.

My freedom is precious to me. Each day that I am incarcerated without legal counsel to represent me is a day completely wasted. I have done my best to prepare for this case prior to the indictment.

I expended significant financial and personal resources in the three years since I learned of the tax investigation. I want my day in court but want a fair chance to defend myself.

Please assign counsel soon. My ability to mentally and physically withstand the situation is deteriorating each day that is wasted without progress.

Every additional day I spend incarcerated at CCA/CTF I am put at risk in a dangerous and tortuous environment which includes: lack of proper medical care, failure to maintain air conditioning in the summer/heat in the winter, dangerous air quality due to improper humidity and ventilation, lack of access to well functioning private telephones.

Each day I remain in CCA/CTF is a day when I can not effectively assist my legal counsel with my case due to the lack of access to computers, public data networks, normal office tools and my records/documents.

I have made my home in the United States since I was born in Arlington, Virginia on September 25, 1953. I miss my family, friends and home. I miss being able to participate in the many professional and charitable activities that are part of my normal life. Chadbourne Parke is working with me on the next steps relating to my pretrial detention. Based on our understanding of the issue which concerns you we have additional evidence and testimony to present. I hope that you will consider this without the taint of prejudice from the statements previously made by the prosecution which have not been shown to be accurate or supported by any evidence.

My knowledge, interests and reading habits do not denote intent. My intent was clear for three years as I remained in the United States and worked with my counsel to prepare a defense in this case. Anyone can flee (by bus or on their private yacht) and anyone can quickly learn information about how to flee. Knowledge is not intent.

I have always respected the courts wherever I have lived or worked and the actions I have taken and the obvious choices I have made reflect this respect.

Please assign a lawyer to my case. Please consider our new evidence for pretrial release when it is presented.



Walt Anderson

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