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Dear Tom:

Thanks again for returning my call this morning and for taking the time to discuss the Right of Redress.

As promised, attached is our definition of a proper First Amendment Petition for Redress – i.e., a Petition for Redress that obligates the Government to respond. We developed the definition following our review of the historical context and purpose of the accountability clause of the First Amendment as well as all Law Review articles that have been published on the subject.

Stay well,

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The Petitions Are “Proper” First Amendment Petitions For Redress

To be sure, a communication designated as a Petition for Redress and requiring a formal, specific response from the government, would have to embody certain components to ensure that the document was a petition and not a "pretended petition." Not all communications, nor just any document, can be regarded as a constitutionally protected Petition for Redress of Grievances.

The subject Petitions for Redress meet or exceed any rational standard. The Petitions for Redress:

- are serious and documented, not frivolous.
- contain no falsehoods.
- are not absent probable cause.
- have the quality of a dispute.
- come from people outside of the formal political culture.
- contain both a "direction" and a "prayer" for relief.
- have been punctilious.
- address public, collective grievances.
- involve constitutional principles not political talk.
- have been signed only by citizens.
- have been dignified.
- have widespread participation and consequences.
- are instruments of deliberation not agitation.
- provide new information.
- do not advocate violence or crime.
- provide legal Notice of the existence of constitutional torts
- seek substantive Redress to cure such constitutional torts