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The New York Civil Liberties Union
Attn: Attorney Christopher Dunn
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212/344-3005

RE: Arrests of Protesters During the
Republican National Convention

Dear Mr. Dunn:

The purpose of this letter to request your assistance with a pending federal criminal civil rights investigation into the New York City Police Department's arrest of certain individuals in connection with their protest activity at the Republican National Convention (RNC) in August of 2004. We are attempting to determine if any police officers' conduct violated federal civil rights statutes.

Specifically, we are examining the circumstances surrounding the arrest of [REDACTED] by Police Officer [REDACTED]. Apparently, the case against Mr. [REDACTED] was dismissed at trial after videotape evidence contradicted P.O. [REDACTED] account of the arrest. Regarding Officer [REDACTED], we are attempting to locate Mr. [REDACTED] and his attorney, and we are seeking to obtain any documentation of the arrest and the particular videotape of Mr. [REDACTED] arrest. We are also searching to find any other individuals who may have been arrested by P.O. [REDACTED] at the RNC.

Additionally, we are attempting to identify and locate any other individuals who were arrested at the RNC and whose arrests and prosecutions were dismissed based on contradictory videotape evidence.

Our investigation to date has revealed that you, and possibly other staff attorneys at the New York Civil Liberties Union, represented individuals who were arrested at the RNC. If you represented a protester whose federally protected constitutional rights may have been violated in the circumstances as described above, we would like to speak with you and your client. In furtherance of our probe of this matter, we are respectfully requesting that upon your receipt of this letter,

you contact our case agent, Special Agent [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], to arrange for a mutually convenient time to
discuss this situation in person.

Thank you in advance for your assistance on this matter
and we look forward to your cooperation.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Special Agent In Charge

[REDACTED]
By: [REDACTED]
Supervisory Special Agent