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re: U.S. v. Defendant
Crim. No. 00-000

Mr. Vázquez:

I make reference to our conversation of February 15, 2001, regarding the payment of the Special Monetary Assessment (SMA) in the above captioned case as a condition for a Plea Agreement.

As you are aware, Mr. Defendant is an indigent defendant. Indeed, that is the very reason for which his representation was assigned to the Federal Public Defender. In this particular case, Mr. Defendant has been detained since the day of his arrest. At the moment he has no income, nor will he have in the foreseeable future.

As far as I have been able to determine, my client does not have the capacity to pay the SMA on or before the Change of Plea Hearing. Based upon the above, it is requested that this requirement be waived

With nothing further at the moment,

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