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Dear Mr. Kravets:

A few days ago I received a copy of an undated but recent Associated Press article written by you that contained some incorrect information pertaining to my case. I consider only two points to be worth addressing here.

1. If your article has reported J. Tony Serra's comments accurately, then Mr. Serra and I apparently have misunderstood one another. I have never desired to use the kind of defense that is described in your article. If I am granted a new trial I will not present such a defense, nor will I allow any lawyer to present such a defense for me if there is any way I can prevent him from doing so.

I may use, for example, a defense that will emphasize (among other things) the

dishonesty and incompetence of the FBI (see John F. Kelly and Phillip K. Wearne, Tainting Evidence: Inside the Scandals at the FBI Crime Lab), and such a defense would be "political" inasmuch as the FBI's dishonesty and incompetence have important political implications. But this is not at all the kind of "political" defense that is described in your article.

2. Your article states that Michael Mello "frequently corresponds" (present tense) with me. This is false. I have had no communication with Professor Mello for several months. I don't think it is necessary to give here any details concerning my break with Professor Mello. Suffice it to say that the circumstances of the break were not creditable to him.

I have never discussed with Professor Mello the defenses that I might use if granted a retrial.

If, in the future, you would like me to check for factual accuracy any information that you may receive concerning my case, I will be happy to do that for you. This

will not require an interview. It can be done by letter.

Sincerely yours,

Theodore John Kaczynski

cc: J. Tony Serra