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Honorable Alberto Gonzales
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Department of Justice
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Dear Mr. Gonzales:

For the past several years I have been working on a case regarding the death of Colonel James Sabow on January 22, 1991. I would appreciate your review of this matter.

While several investigations have concluded that Col. Sabow's death was a suicide, several questions remain. His bother, Dr. David Sabow, has conducted his own extensive investigation, shared the autopsy findings with numerous medical university professors and hired his own forensic expert. The results of Dr. Sabow's inquiry raise concerns over the conclusion that Col. Sabow died as a result of suicide.

Recently, I received the enclosed letter from Michael Jacobs who retired from the Orange County District Attorney's office last year. It is my understanding that Mr. Jacobs has reviewed the evidence in Col. Sabow's death and concluded that Col. Sabow's death was a murder. Mr. Jacobs' letter is significant as Orange County is where the death occurred and the initial investigation conducted. Further in 1999, Mr. Jacobs was in the Homicide Trials Division of the Orange County District Attorney's Office and wanted to review the earlier investigation but was told to "drop it."

I would appreciate the Justice Department reviewing this matter to determine if proper procedures were followed in this case. It seems unusual that a case would not be reopened for investigation if the supervisor of the Homicide Trials Division requested it and numerous highly qualified professionals contradicted the initial suicide conclusion.

Again thank you for your time and attention to this important matter. I look forward to your response and what action the Justice Department plans to take in this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly in this matter, or have your staff contact Vicki Middleton in my office at 202-225-5672.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Duncan Hunter". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "H".

Duncan Hunter
Member of Congress

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Enclosures