

U.S. Department of Justice

Criminal Division

Assistant Attorney General

Washington, D.C. 20530

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Mr. Conrad A. Airall Attorney at Law 7 North Bloodworth Street Raleigh, NC 27601

Dear Mr. Airall:

This is in response to correspondence dated February 10, 2004, sent to the Department of Justice on your behalf from Congressman Bob Etheridge regarding your concerns over possible violations of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act by a U.S. businessman doing business in Antigua and Barbados. Congressman Etheridge has asked the Department of Justice to respond directly to you. We apologize for not responding sooner to your inquiry.

We appreciate you having brought these allegations to our attention and will take appropriate investigative steps in connection with this matter.

Thank you for your inquiry. Please do not hesitate to contact us if the Department of Justice can be of assistance in the future.

Christopher A. Wra

Assistant Attorney General

cc: The Honorable Bob Etheridge U.S. House of Representative Washington, DC 20510