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Dear Mr. Klayman:

Thank you for your letter of April 3rd sent to us by facsimile at approximately 8pm last night.

As you know, the FBI has 30 working days to review material submitted for prepublication review. While we try to complete that process as quickly as we can, often several days or longer are necessary to sort out Rule 6e, pending case and other issues. Doing so is for the protection of our employees as well as serving the other interests inherent in these circumstances. This instance is no different.

While I appreciate your efforts to expedite the process by setting your own deadlines, doing so does not relieve our employees of any obligations they may have nor does it obligate the FBI in any way, to include purporting to consent on our behalf. As we advised your clients, they are not authorized prior to the outcome of the prepublication process to release the written answers just submitted to us for review. We are acting on those as quickly as we can given the complexities at issue and the concerns raised by the prosecutors. Based on my understanding of those concerns, it appears your information does not accurately reflect the discussion of these issues.

Larry Klayman, Esquire

Finally, please treat this letter as notice that we will abide by our procedures, as our employees must do, and the current and any future deadlines you may care to impose will now have the effect of consent by the FBI once those deadlines have passed. I am certain you understand why that is the case.

Sincerely yours,

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