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 RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Thomas B. Eastman, Esquire
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RE: Disciplinary Accusation against The Rev. Don Stroud

Dear Mr. Eastman:

This will acknowledge, and respond to, your letter under date of October 7th. Thank you for the opportunity to provide you with further information.

At the outset, let me make perfectly clear that the signature on the return receipt you attached to your letter is indeed my own. That said, I have no recollection of ever seeing the letter you also attached, which was presumably enclosed, and that letter is not in my file. I have no explanation for this seeming contradiction. All I can assure you is that these two facts are absolutely correct: the signature is my own, and I never saw this letter. A variety of explanations suggest themselves, any of which may be correct, e.g.: I could have erroneously discarded the letter; the sender could have erroneously failed to enclose it in the envelope; the sender could have enclosed in this envelope some other communication. One thing is certain, if the Investigating Committee wanted to schedule a date, they could have done so in a heartbeat by picking up the phone and calling me—the Stated Clerk had my number. Or, they could have sent a follow-up letter/fax when no reply was received to this letter. After all, no date for my testimony was in fact set; the letter only discussed the prospect of a date. Accordingly, it cannot be said that I failed to attend a meeting of the committee that had in fact been scheduled. Due process requires both notice, and an opportunity to be heard. Even the letter you enclosed does not constitute notice that I would be heard at a specific date and time.

Balance of letter remains confidential

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Rolf Jensen
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enclosure: TAMFS story dated July 24, 2002