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April 13, 2016

Hon. Seth Hammett

770 Washington Avenue, Suite 170
Montgomery, Alabama 36104

RE: Case Matters: 2016-083 & 2016-084

Dear Speaker Hammett:

The Alabama Ethics Commission is conducting an official inquiry regarding allegations made against Governor Robert Bentley and Mrs. Rebekah Mason. It is hereby requested that you meet with Special Agents Tony Goubil and Dustin Lansford at the Ethics Commission's office on Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at 2:30 pm.

Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions concerning this request, feel free to contact either Special Agent Tony Goubil at (334) 868-9927 or Special Agent Dustin Lansford at (334) 850-3564.

Sincerely,

Tony Goubil
Special Agent

Dustin Lansford
Special Agent

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May 9, 2016

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Hon. Seth Hammett
1330 21st Way South, Suite 200
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Dear Speaker Hammett:

This letter is to confirm that you, Seth Hammett, have agreed to be interviewed by federal law enforcement agents and Government attorney(s). The following conditions will apply during the interview:

1. You acknowledge that your decision to grant this interview and to cooperate with law enforcement agents and Government attorney(s) is entirely voluntary, and is not a result of coercion, threats or intimidation of any kind.

2. You will be informed and understand that you may terminate the interview at any time or decline to answer any question asked. You are free to consult with any legal counsel of your own choosing, who shall have the right to be present throughout the interview.

3. The Government agrees that no statement you make during the interview(s) will be used to incriminate you unless the Government determines that you have intentionally provided false or misleading information. The Government may also use the information obtained in the interview(s) to pursue any investigation if violations of federal criminal statutes and/or to bring a prosecution against individuals and entities implicated by you.

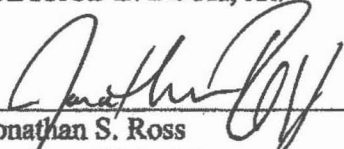
4. This letter does not confer any immunity upon you in the event that evidence is acquired, independent of this interview, which implicates you in any criminal activity.

5. The Government agrees that you will not be deemed to have waived your Fifth Amendment rights by consenting to the interview(s).

If these conditions are satisfactory to you, indicate your agreement to them by signing the acknowledgment below.

Sincerely yours,
FOR THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

GEORGE L. BECK, JR.


Jonathan S. Ross
Assistant United States Attorney

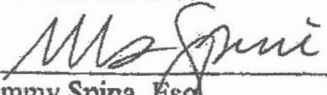
ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I, Seth Hammett, have read the attached letter in full. I voluntarily agree to be interviewed under the conditions set forth in said letter.


Seth Hammett

Date: May 9, 2016

WITNESSED BY:


Tommy Spina, Esq.

Date: May 9, 2016



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May 20, 2016

VIA UNITED STATES MAIL

Tommy Spina, Esq.
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File Seth

Re: Grand Jury Investigation

Dear Mr. Spina:

This letter is to inform you and your client that United States Attorney George L. Beck, Jr. has recused himself and his office from any investigation of and prosecution arising from the operations of the office of the Governor of Alabama. The Attorney General of the United States has appointed United States Attorney John A. Horn of the Northern District of Georgia and his staff to oversee any investigation of and prosecution arising from the above-described matters.

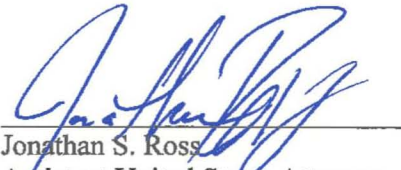
The Government is appreciative of the assistance you and your client have provided in this matter to date. Should you have any questions regarding the content of this letter, please direct such questions to United States Attorney Horn or a member of his staff.

I look forward to working with you on future matters.

Respectfully yours,

GEORGE L. BECK, JR.
United States Attorney

by:


Jonathan S. Ross
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