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Sheila A. Mannix

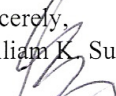
Dear Ms. Mannix:

In reply to your letter or submission, received August 11, 2009, I regret to inform you that this Court has no authority to institute or conduct investigations.

Under Article III of the Constitution, the jurisdiction of this Court extends only to the consideration of cases or controversies properly brought before it from lower courts in accordance with federal law and filed pursuant to the Rules of this Court.

Your papers are herewith returned.

The Rules of this Court are enclosed.

Sincerely,
William K. Suter, Clerk
By: 

Gail Johnson
(202) 479-3038

Enclosures