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Robert Gaughen
132 [illegible] RDW
E Weymouth, MA 02189

The Honorable John F. Kerry
United States Senator
One Bowdoin Square
Boston, Massachusetts 02114

Sir:

The records of this office indicate that you might have an interest in certain property seized by Customs at JFK Airport on April 11, 1997. The property was seized under the provisions of title 19, United States Code, section 1595a(c), because it was entered into the United States contrary to law. The property seized, fifty (50) Cuban cigars, [illegible] in violation of [illegible] 50 USC App. [illegible] which prohibits the importation of [illegible] into the United States. The dutiable value of the shipment is $300.00 and appraised domestic value of $750.00. You may choose to abandon/forfeit the subject merchandise to the government, utilizing CF 4607 for the abandonment.

Dear Senator Kerry:

Thank you for your inquiry on behalf of your constituent, Robert H. Gaughen, Jr. [illegible] Customs records [illegible] seizure case number 97-06235 [illegible] were seized because their importation is a violation of the Cuban Embargo and the Cuban Assets Control Regulations (Title 31, part 515 of the Code of Federal Regulations). Except under the limited circumstances described hereafter, the [illegible] of Cuban cigars in any amount, including those deemed for personal use, is prohibited. [illegible] whether the importation is made on behalf of [illegible] The government's policy is to [illegible]

Under the provisions of [illegible] Code of Federal Regulations [illegible] the enclosed Notice of Seizure and Information for Claimants [illegible] your options with regard to the remission of the forfeiture of the seized property. If you do wish to petition [illegible] forfeiture, you must provide an express agreement [illegible] or administrative forfeiture proceedings [illegible] administrative [illegible] Proceeding and [illegible] provide this express agreement.

[illegible] petitions should be filed in duplicate within thirty days of the date of this letter [illegible] Director [illegible] U.S. Customs Service [illegible] New York [illegible] Specialist [illegible] at (718) 553-8940.

Part 515.560(c) [illegible] circumstances [illegible] importation of Cuban cigars is authorized [illegible] 515.560(a) and (b) may import [illegible] cigars are imported as accompanied baggage [illegible] market value does not exceed $100 [illegible] personal use only, and (4) this exemption has not been used by the importing party in the preceding six month period.

Since the cigars sent Mr. Gaughen [illegible] do not meet this exception, they are inadmissible.

[signature]
[illegible]
Director
Fines, Penalties & Forfeitures

Enclosures: Notice of Seizure & Information for Claimants
Election of Proceedings
Hold Harmless Agreement
Notice of Abandonment

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Thank you for your interest and concern in this matter. Please let me know whenever we may be of assistance in the future.

Sincerely

Anne K. Lombardi
for Audrey Adams
Acting Assistant Commissioner
Office of Field Operations

JOHN KERRY
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February 12, 1997

Ms. Gloria Bryant
Congressional & Public Affairs
U.S. Customs Service
1301 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Room 2210
Washington, D.C. 20229

Dear Ms. Bryant:

I am forwarding to you a copy of a letter from [redacted] concerning [redacted] applications to work at the U.S. Customs Service. I would appreciate an update on the status of [redacted] application(s).

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It is the desire of this office to be responsive to all inquiries and communications. I respectfully ask for your assistance in resolving the issues outlined in this correspondence.

Please forward a copy of your findings to Mark S. Sternman of my Boston office.

I thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

John F. Kerry
United States Senator

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
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WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Honorable John F. Kerry
United States Senator
One Bowdoin Square
Boston, Massachusetts 02114

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Dear Senator Kerry:

This is in response to your letter dated February 12, 1997, on behalf of your constituent, [redacted], concerning the status of [redacted] application for a Customs Inspector position in the Boston, Massachusetts area.

The Notice of Rating provided by [redacted] was issued by the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) as a result of [redacted] application to an announcement issued by that office. When vacancies occur, agencies have the option of requesting a list of eligible candidates from OPM or recruiting through other available avenues. At the present time, the Boston office has not requested OPM to provide a certificate of Eligibles.

The announcement to which [redacted] referred (NATIA-97/005RDW) was one of several recruitment methods utilized by Customs. The announcement closed on February 5, 1997, and a review of our records indicates that [redacted] did not apply to this announcement.

In an effort to assist [redacted] in seeking employment with our agency, on February 19, 1997, [redacted] was contacted by the servicing personnel management specialist for the Boston area, [redacted]. [redacted] discussed various staffing options and recruitment procedures with [redacted]. In addition, [redacted] provided information on other current recruitment opportunities to which [redacted] could apply. Our new job information hotline number, Pathfinder Job Express, was also provided to [redacted].

We hope this information will be helpful in assisting [redacted] in his efforts to seek employment. Your interest in the U.S. Customs Service on behalf of [redacted] is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Deborah J. Spero
Assistant Commissioner
Human Resources Management

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December 16, 1996

Gloria Bryant
Director of Congressional Affairs
U.S. Customs Service
U.S. Department of the Treasury - Room 2210
Washington, D.C. 20229

Dear Ms. Bryant:

I write to seek information regarding a recent Customs Service solicitation for procurement.

As I understand it, Requisition # 96-00633 was issued recently to facilitate the purchase of catamaran intercept boats for use by marine enforcement officers of the Customs Service.

At least one of my Massachusetts constituents has responded to this solicitation, which is of great interest to our marine engineering community.

I would appreciate a response from the Customs Service regarding the anticipated date of decision for Requisition # 96-0063. Also, inasmuch as it appears that the requisition will bring forward proposals based on prototype designs, I would appreciate information regarding the criterion for evaluation of the responses, and whether the Customs Service is prepared to procure prototype vessels based on their development costs.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

John F. Kerry
United States Senator

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE

JAN 13 1997

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The Honorable John F. Kerry
United States Senator
One Bowdoin Square
Boston, Massachusetts 02114

Dear Senator Kerry:

Thank you for your letter of December 16, 1996, in which you inquired regarding the U.S. Customs procurement of Catamaran Intercept Vessels. In response to your request for the date of decision, the anticipated contract award date is early August 1997. The evaluation criteria, which you also request, was published in our Request for Proposals CS-96-042 and is enclosed with this letter. In response to your final question, the Customs Service does not expect to procure prototype vessels.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to have a member of your staff contact Mr. Allen Marcus of the Customs Procurement Division on (202) 927-1126.

Sincerely,

Vinette C. Goerl

Vinette C. Goerl
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Office of Finance

Enclosure

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July 19, 1996

Ms. Gloria Bryant
Congressional & Public Affairs
U.S. Customs Service
1301 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
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Washington, D.C. 20229

Dear Ms. Bryant:

I am forwarding to you a copy of a letter from [redacted] concerning questions that [redacted] has concerning Customs. I am also forwarding a copy of his letter to the FAA to address some of [redacted] other concerns. b(6)

It is the desire of this office to be responsive to all inquiries and communications. I respectfully ask for your assistance in resolving the issues outlined in this correspondence.

Please forward a copy of your findings to Mark S. Sternman of my Boston office.

I thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

John F. Kerry
United States Senator

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U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE

AUG 5 1996

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The Honorable John F. Kerry
United States Senator
One Bowdoin Square
Boston, Massachusetts 02114

Dear Senator Kerry:

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Thank you for your July 19, 1996, letter enclosing correspondence from [redacted] requesting information relating to [redacted] planned flights by private aircraft to and from the U.S. Virgin Islands.

First, it should be pointed out that the U.S. Virgin Islands, although a United States territory, is not part of the Customs Territory of the United States. Pursuant to the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, the Customs Territory of the United States includes only the 50 states, Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico.

Consequently, [redacted] aircraft will undergo Customs processing on arriving in the U.S. Virgin Islands or in entering either Puerto Rico or any of the 50 states from the U.S. Virgin Islands. If [redacted] aircraft departs Florida and refuels in Puerto Rico, en route to the U.S. Virgin Islands, it will not undergo Customs processing in Puerto Rico.

In clearing Customs, whether in the 50 states or in the U.S. Virgin Islands, with [redacted] dog, [redacted] should ensure that a valid rabies vaccination certificate accompanies the dog. If the dog appears to be free of disease communicable to human beings, the dog will not be quarantined.

If [redacted] has further questions concerning entering or departing from the U.S. Virgin Islands, he may wish to contact our Cruz Bay, U.S. Virgin Islands, office at (809) 776-6741.

We hope that this information is helpful to [redacted]. Please let us know if we may be of further assistance. b(6)

Sincerely,

For Samuel H. Banks
Assistant Commissioner
Office of Field Operations

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July 15, 1996

Ms. Gloria Bryant
Congressional & Public Affairs
U.S. Customs Service
1301 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Room 2210
Washington, D.C. 20229

Dear Ms. Bryant:

I am forwarding to you a copy of a letter from [redacted] concerning his request for an explanation of additional duties that affect U.S-Canadian trade. 6-16

It is the desire of this office to be responsive to all inquiries and communications. I respectfully ask for your assistance in resolving the issues outlined in this correspondence.

Please forward a copy of your findings to Mark S. Sternman of my Boston office.

I thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

John F. Kerry
United States Senator

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JUL 25 1996

The Honorable John F. Kerry
United States Senator
One Bowdoin Square
Boston, Massachusetts 02114

Dear Senator Kerry:

All b(6)

Thank you for your letter of July 15, 1996, on behalf of your constituent, [redacted]. [redacted] questions and concerns involve the assessment of duties by Revenue Canada on merchandise repaired by [redacted] company and returned to [redacted] customers in Canada. [redacted] questions why the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) has not eliminated these duties.

The NAFTA does provide for duty-free treatment on costs of repair and alteration of merchandise in a NAFTA country regardless of the origin of the goods, and regardless of whether the goods could have been repaired or altered in the exporting country. There are specific reporting procedures required by each NAFTA country for these importations. [redacted] letter pertains to the assessment of Canadian duties with a general explanation of the circumstances; therefore, we would recommend [redacted] refer [redacted] Canadian customers to Revenue Canada for information relating to their own exportation and reimportation requirements. We have enclosed a booklet, *NAFTA, the North American Free Trade Agreement, A Guide to Customs Procedures*, to be included with your reply to [redacted]. The booklet contains general information on NAFTA procedures including details on the repair and alteration provisions and points of contact for additional assistance in each NAFTA country that [redacted] may wish to pass on to [redacted] Canadian customers.

If we may be of further assistance, please contact [redacted] Trade Agreements Division at (202) 927-1082. b(6)

Sincerely,

Joyce Metzger

for Samuel H. Banks
Assistant Commissioner
Office of Field Operations

Enclosure

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June 21, 1996

Ms. Gloria Bryant
Congressional & Public Affairs
U.S. Customs Service
1301 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Room 2210
Washington, D.C. 20229

Dear Ms. Bryant:

I am forwarding to you a copy of a letter from [redacted] concerning whether and why [redacted] must make a "[p]ayment of a mitigated amount of $3,300". 6(6)

It is the desire of this office to be responsive to all inquiries and communications. I respectfully ask for your assistance in resolving the issues outlined in this correspondence.

Please forward a copy of your findings to Mark S. Sternman of my Boston office.

I thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

John F. Kerry
United States Senator

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June 3, 1996

Ms. Gloria Bryant
Congressional & Public Affairs
U.S. Customs Service
1301 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Room 2210
Washington, D.C. 20229

Dear Ms. Bryant:

I am forwarding to you a copy of a letter from [redacted] [redacted] concerning the fact that Customs is holding [redacted] car. b(6)

It is the desire of this office to be responsive to all inquiries and communications. I respectfully ask for your assistance in resolving the issues outlined in this correspondence.

Please forward a copy of your findings to Mark S. Stenman of my Boston office.

I thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

John F. Kerry
United States Senator

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

U.S CUSTOMS SERVICE

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JUN 19 1996

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The Honorable John F. Kerry
United States Senator
One Bowdoin Square
Boston, Massachusetts 02114

Dear Senator Kerry:

Thank you for your letter dated June 3, 1996, to Ms. Gloria Bryant, Office of Congressional & Public Affairs, enclosing a copy of a letter from your constituent, [redacted]. b(6)
You request that we investigate this matter and respond to you. This case is being reviewed by the Seizures & Penalties Branch of Customs Trade Compliance Division. When I am apprised of the results, I will forward the information to you.

Please let me know if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Annie N. Lombardi

for Samuel H. Banks
Assistant Commissioner
Office of Field Operations

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