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Re: Case No. 2017-002618

Dear Ms. Allen,

I am in receipt of your letter of February 7, 2018. I appreciate your answer to my question regarding the authority of the clerk to dismiss my appeal.

Two questions are left noticeably unanswered. Since you answered some but not others, I must presume the missing answers are not due to oversight. Obviously, you, like I, cannot find a case dismissed when an appellant does not order a transcript in similar a case. I must also presume you were prompted by Mr. Bach to send me the letter requiring I order a transcript and file a motion for permission to do so after expiration of the allotted time.

Requiring me to order the transcript then demand I sign a pledge saying the only documents included have only to do with the matter before the Court is a classic "Catch 22." I'm damned if I do and damned if I don't, so I won't.

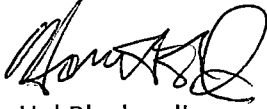
I might add it is highly irregular for a clerk of the Court of Appeals to issue legal advice to a pro se litigant at the behest of opposing counsel. Your letters go pass the mere appearance of impropriety and are undeniably evidence of your prejudice against my case and me.

A review of the record in this matter shows demonstratively that I have tried to be cooperative, transparent, and straightforward at each step along the way. I have only reaped unfairness, arrogance, and malfeasance at every turn. I will not surrender to my disillusionment until I am out of options.

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This is the United States of American and you don't get to decide whether or not to treat me according to the Rules. It's your job to treat me fairly and my right to be so treated. I am currently exploring my options to ensure I receive fair treatment under the law and that my civil rights are protected.

Yours truly,



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