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The Honorable John F. Wood  
United States Attorney  
Western District of Missouri  
Kansas City, MO 64106

Attention: Rudolph R. Rhodes, IV  
Assistant United States Attorney

Re: United States v. Cynthia S. Martin, et al.

Dear Mr. Wood:

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by 18 U.S.C. § 6003(b) and 28 C.F.R. § 0.175(a), I hereby approve your request for authority to apply to the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri for an order pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §§ 6002-6003 requiring Pleshette B. Johnson to give testimony or provide other information in the above matter and in any further proceedings resulting therefrom or ancillary thereto.

Sincerely,

Matthew W. Friedrich  
Acting Assistant Attorney General

  
Kenneth A. Blanco  
Deputy Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division