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by FAXmodem
To: **Sheriffs' Department Officer Don Estep**
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Ref: Telephone conversation of today

Subj: Notice of understanding

Sir:

In our telephone conversation of today you asked me to make known to Mr. Steve Douglas Gartin your concerns for his safety and your requests to 'turn himself in'. It is happenstance that Mr. Gartin has contacted me by phone and I have relayed your messages to him. As I both contacted you in a forthcoming manner, and relayed your messages at my earliest opportunity, I hope that your concerns about me are allayed. Your cautions to me were well taken and I assure you of my continuing intention to act within the law.

I was dismayed that you would question my given word that Mr. Gartin has never spent a night on my property, has only visited me on less than one dozen occasions in my twenty years of knowing him and that I have neither aided nor abetted him in any other wise than to provide him a means of communication for his legal documents in his indigency. **I wish to formally charge whomever gave you that contrary information with maliciously giving false information to a police officer in furtherance of a criminal endeavor.** I have been a witness to the sending of legal documents and to certain incidents, no more. Your informants are lying. Is that clear to you?

I would again assure you of my belief that your fears of a physical confrontation with Mr. Gartin are groundless and the result again of deliberate misinformation given to you. I can detect no 'threats' in Mr. Gartins' communications except the promise of lawful charges before a competent law enforcement agency and to a court. I can understand how these criminals would like to make Mr. Gartin look badly and they certainly seem to find a gullible audience for their fantasies. First they said that he was crazy, then they say that he is dangerous; I believe that this posture is to hide their own criminal activities. You will notice that no such information was given until after these people were defendant to legal action. Does that not intrigue you? Do you not question the information given to you?

I do not have the means to look up the law that you refused to quote or discuss. I am somewhat of a scholar and have some small vocabulary but legal stuff is not what I do. I assure you that I would not harbor a fugitive from justice, I would not aid or abet a criminal in hiding from a lawful authority nor would I give false information to a law enforcement authority. I have been forthcoming and honest with you. I hope that you will proceed in a responsible and professional manner and in keeping with your holy oath.

I am deeply distressed that Mr. Gartins' Constitutional guarantees and rights are of 'no concern' to you and that you take this misinformation so injudiciously. You certainly sounded like a man of integrity and honesty, please take another look at your appraisal of the situation.

You certainly may feel free to contact me at any time with your concerns. Again, I have no means to contact Mr. Gartin upon my initiative, he contacts me.

Very Cordially, Charles H. Clements

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