

May 15, 1995

Hon. David B. Sentelle  
U.S. Court of Appeals  
District of Columbia Circuit  
3rd & Constitution Ave., N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Judge Sentelle:

As I previously advised you, the investigative phase of my assignment has now been completed. One major prosecution is pending, and a possible prosecution is being considered.

March 1st marked five years from my original appointment. An enormous amount of work and effort has been expended since that time. My staff has uncovered widespread irregularities that occurred in the Department of Housing and Urban Development during the period that Samuel Pierce was Secretary of the Department; there have been 16 convictions pursuant to trials or guilty pleas; and approximately \$12 million has been recovered by way of fines and other means.

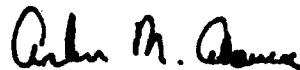
I believe the time has now come for me to step down as Independent Counsel in the HUD matter, and to request that a replacement be appointed in my stead. I am prepared, if the panel follows the course which I am suggesting, to remain until a replacement has been selected and to be available to complete the Report that is called for in the independent counsel legislation.

It has always been a great honor and a source of considerable pride for me to serve the government, and my assignment as Independent Counsel has not been an exception.

I am most grateful to you and the members of the panel for the confidence that was reposed in me, and for the cooperation and courtesies that have always been extended. I am grateful, also, for the outstanding staff that has worked unceasingly to assist in fulfilling my mandate.

Please extend my deep appreciation to your distinguished colleagues.

Respectfully yours,



Arlin M. Adams