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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF IDAHO

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	Case No. 10-148-N-BLW
)	
Plaintiff,)	
vs.)	NOTICE TO COURT OF POSSIBLE
)	VIOLATION OF COURT ORDER
EDGAR J. STEELE,)	
)	
Defendant.)	
_____)	

The United States of America, by and through Wendy J. Olson, United States Attorney for the District of Idaho, and the undersigned Assistant United States Attorney, submits this letter (Attachment) to the Court for it's consideration as to whether the defendant violated the Court's order regarding the Court's June 15 and June 22, 2010, No Contact Order between the defendant and the victims named in the Indictment.

Procedural History

On June 11, 2010, the defendant Edgar J. Steele was arrested and charged by criminal complaint with Use of Interstate Communication Facilities in the Commission of Murder for Hire. An Indictment was issued on June 15, 2010, charging the defendant with the same offense. An initial appearance on the indictment was held June 15, 2010, and at that time the court granted the United States's Motion for No Contact between the defendant and C.S. and J.K., the named victims in the indictment. A detention hearing was held June 22, 2010. At that hearing the United States played conversations for the court which were recorded jail calls from the defendant and his son and the defendant and his wife, C.S. The calls were June 13, 2010. The defendant was ordered detained after the hearing and the No Contact Order was continued.

Based upon the phone calls and other events, a Superseding Indictment was issued July 20, 2010. In addition to the original charge, the defendant was charged with Use of Explosive Material to Commit a Federal Felony, Possession of a Destructive Device in Relation to a Crime of Violence, and Tampering with a Witness. The defendant was arraigned on the Superseding Indictment on July 28, 2010. He remains in custody and the No Contact Order remains in effect.

On August 9, 2010, the defendant filed a Motion for a One Time Monitored Visit between the defendant and his wife, C.S. Based upon assurances from defense counsel, the United States did not object. On August 11, 2010, after a telephonic conference with the Court and parties, Judge Winmill issued an order allowing for a one time visit to discuss common property, interests, and financial issues related to their children.

On August 12, 2010, the United States received copies of the defendant's jail mail from July. On August 13, 2010, the United States notified defense counsel regarding the content of the card.

Trial is set for November 1, 2010, before the Honorable B. Lynn Winmill, Chief United States District Court.

Issue for the Court

The United States has received a copy of the mail the defendant sent out in July of 2010 from the Spokane County Jail. For the Court's information, Cyndi Steele's birthday is July 29. One item, a birthday card sent to the family home in Sagle, Idaho, and addressed to Kelsey Steele appears to be an attempt by the defendant to contact his wife, Cyndi Steele. The handwritten message is indicative of what a husband might write to his wife. Of great concern to the United States is that it is clearly an attempt by the defendant to continue to influence his wife.

I know how to say "I Love You." though they won't let me say it, they can't stop me from loving you . . . nor you from loving me, of course--which I hope you still do, Sweetheart. I need you more now than I ever have--more than I ever have needed anyone. Never, in a million years, would I do anything to knowingly

harm you. Please believe that, darling. Please understand how much you mean to me. Help me-and our family-to weather this crisis do-whatever it takes to be able to stand by my side and to continue to be my partner in life. You never will regret it, I promise you.

It appears to the United States this is not only a violation of the Court's No Contact Order but another blatant attempt by the defendant to persuade his wife to do whatever is necessary to help him. Much like the recorded phone call wherein the defendant told his wife that no matter what she actually thought she was to say that the voice on the recording is not his, he is again telling her to do whatever it takes to stand by his side.

The United States submits the letter for the Court's consideration and whatever the action the Court may deem appropriate.

DATED this 17th day of August 2010.

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United States Attorney

/s/

Traci J. Whelan
Assistant U.S. Attorney

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I CERTIFY that the foregoing was electronically filed August 17, 2010, with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system which sent a Notice of Electronic Filing to the following person(s):

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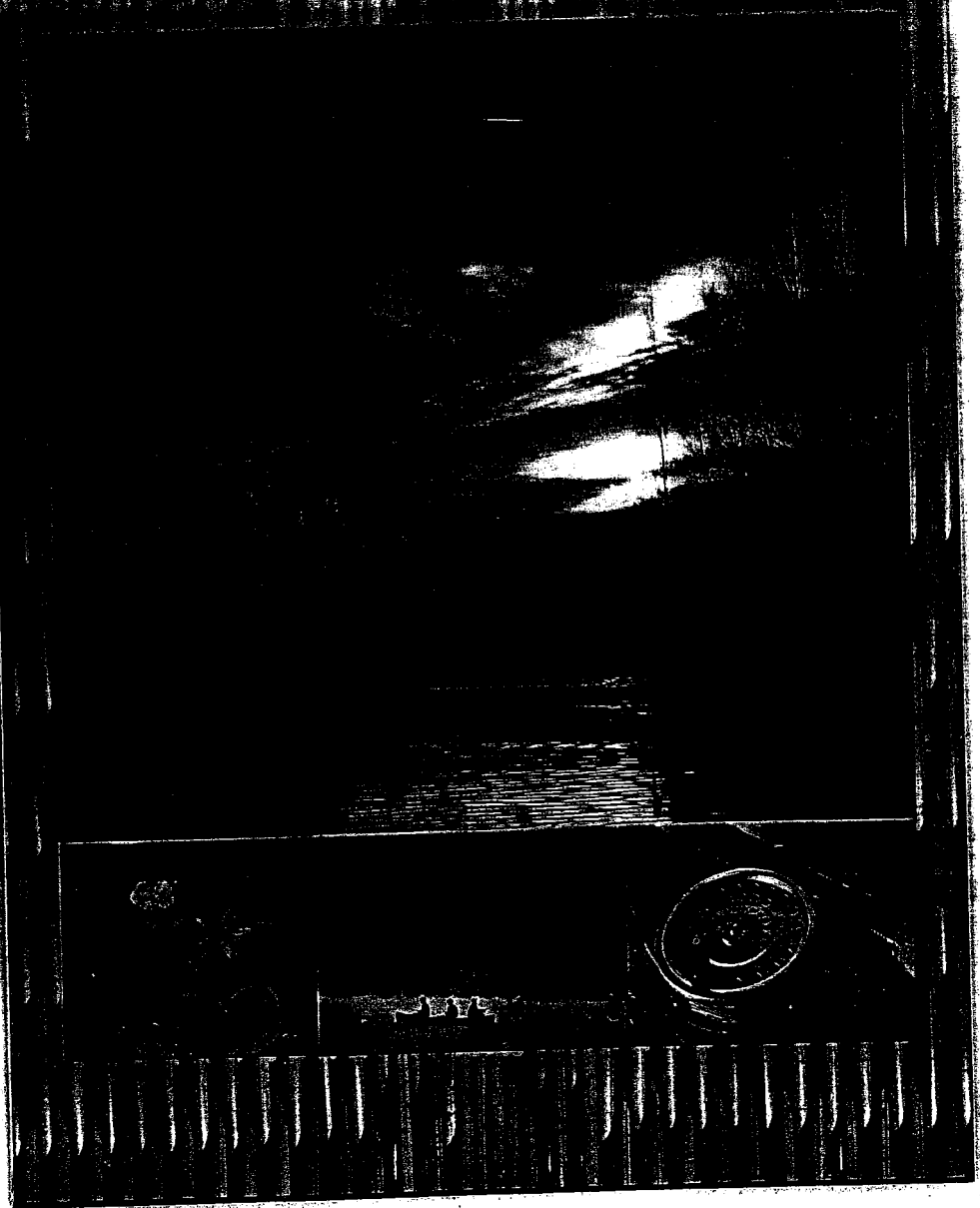


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ATTACHMENT

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY



PLEASE BELIEVE THAT, DARLING.
PLEASE UNDERSTAND HOW MUCH YOU
MEAN TO ME. HELP ME - AND OUR
FAMILY - TO WEATHER THIS CRISIS
DO WHATEVER IT TAKES TO BE
ABLE TO STAND BY MY
SIDE AND TO CONTINUE TO BE MY
PARTNER IN LIFE. YOU NEVER WILL
REGRET IT, I PROMISE YOU.
MAY YOUR DAY



BE ALL YOU DREAMED
IT WOULD BE.

WITH ALL MY HEART:
HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MY LOVE

(..)

HOW DO I SAY HOW MUCH I MISS
YOU? HOW DO I BEGIN TO SAY
I'M SORRY FOR BEING THE REASON
THAT ALL THIS HAS BEFALLEN OUR
FAMILY?

I KNOW HOW TO SAY "I LOVE YOU."
THOUGH THEY WON'T LET ME SAY
IT, THEY CAN'T STOP ME FROM
LOVING YOU... NOR YOU FROM
LOVING ME, OF COURSE - WHICH
I HOPE YOU STILL DO, SWEETHEART.
I NEED YOU MORE NOW THAN I
EVER HAVE - MORE THAN I EVER
HAVE NEEDED ANYONE.
NEVER, IN A MILLION YEARS, WOULD
I DO ANYTHING TO KNOWINGLY HARM YOU.