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Mr. Sidney S. Louis
4211 Calmont Avenue
Fort Worth, Texas 76107

Dear Mr. Louis:

Thank you for your letter to Governor Branstad dated August 15, 1990, and the attached report. The report has been read, and will be added to the Norma Maynard case material.

You state that you are unhappy with the authorities in Iowa and that "they couldn't care less" about the disappearance of your sister. This is not true. The Division of Criminal Investigation, working with Boone officials, has spent many hundreds of man-hours attempting to find answers to your questions as well as questions of their own. Let me assure you that the state of Iowa takes this case seriously and that the truth surrounding Mrs. Maynard's disappearance is as important to the DCI as it is to you. No, Mr. Louis, this case is not being "shelved".

Your high level of frustration is clearly expressed in your letter and report. Indeed, the loss of a loved one is always traumatic, more so in cases such as this. You have done a great deal of research on behalf of your sister, and for that you are to be commended. Name-calling and accusations, however, will not help anyone get to the bottom of this.

In the future, should you discover any new, factual and pertinent information you may wish to share, we will review it with the mutual hope of a final resolution to the disappearance of your sister, Mrs. Norman Maynard.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "D. Paulin", written over the typed name.

Donald J. Paulin
Administrative Assistant

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