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Mr. Thomas W. Earnhardt  
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Dear Tom:

Your forceful statement concerning the Reeves property at Cape Lookout ~~have~~ been an effective part of the case-statement presented to a legislative conference in Washington on March 17th.

The Justice Department refused to meet with the legislative representatives from the offices of Senators Morgan and Helms, Congressman Whitley and Ira Whitlock of the Department of Interior on the grounds the meeting would be illegal and tried to call off the conference. We later met with a group in the Justice building and were peremptorily told that nothing could be done. After reminding this group that Congress had instructed such a meeting to be held, it was decided we should meet at a future date with someone in authority from the Department of Interior and/or Park Service who could help us solve the issue.

It is obvious we shall have to continue our efforts of which you have been a very real part. Thank you for your extreme courtesy to me and to my family.

A family group will be at the Cape over Easter week-end and would be so happy to see you and trust your house isn't too badly damaged from the break-in.

Most sincerely,