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Tibor Balogh
242 Rainbow Drive #4284
Livingston, Texas 77399

Dear Mr. Balogh:

As per our telephone conversation on 3-22-01, I am sending this letter for your convenience in having the necessary information in order to submit a claim for alleged damages to your motorhome. I have reviewed the investigation from Sergeant Adams along with the Trooper's memo, pictures, and in-vehicle videotape. It appears that the only damage was superficial scratches made to the oxidation on the paint, which could be easily buffed out with the proper equipment.

In response to your allegations of misconduct on the part of Trooper Coronado, he did follow the necessary steps to have a drug detection K-9 conduct a search of the outside of the vehicle, which resulted in a positive alert. A search was then conducted based on that alert, and proper procedures were then followed. Should you have any other questions concerning the stop, you may contact me at 254-867-4662. As we discussed on the phone, any damage claims or request for a copy of the videotape should be made through our Legal Department at P. O. Box 4087; Austin, Tx 78773-0140; or phone (512) 424-2890.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Mashburn'.

Chris Mashburn, Lieutenant
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