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February 5, 2004

Dr. Alan Kalmanoff, Executive Director  
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Dear Dr. Kalmanoff:

Just a note to follow up on the final report of the Jail Population and Criminal Justice System Study. We have all had ample time to digest the volume of work and attention that your staff has generated in completing this agenda, and I am gratified that we finally have a plan of action for our community's criminal justice agencies. As we have noted in our many meetings, the future of Sedgwick County's criminal issues will not be solved by merely architecting another wing on the existing jail. We must be more worldly wise in contemplating the future of the entire system by eliminating the existing "warehousing" attitude that speaks little of using the tools that we have in place or that we may create by our coordinated efforts. It would be an easy way out to handle this by brick and mortar philosophy. It is more difficult, yet more challenging, to build upon a positive strategy you have employed to put us on the road to success.

Personally, I do take convincing. I was skeptical about bringing in "consultants" to tell us how to run our business. Law enforcement doesn't cotton well to academics in ivory towers... Your staff has been cut from a different cloth and it was apparent in your dealings with our community. I was impressed at how much information you were able to gather in a short period of time, and how that information blossomed into a credible report that expanded into a working blueprint for a successful criminal justice process. I don't know that we will follow each and every suggestion to the nth degree, but the fact is that there are so many opportunities for improvement and a superlative a plan to encourage our community's work in concert.

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Thank you again for your time and efforts. They were well spent. In today's day and age of high technology where we cozy up with our computers and punch away for quick answers, it was refreshing to deal with real people who had their thinking caps on. There's nothing like the real thing !!!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nola Tedesco Foulston". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Nola" being the most prominent.

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