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Re: Gautreaux v. CHA

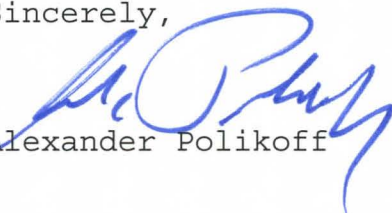
Dear Ms. Laster:

Thank you for your letter of April 27, 1998, on the relationship of HUD to the Chicago Housing Authority.

As you undoubtedly know, I have been talking with Howard Schmeltzer about the issues, hoping through this informal process to avoid unduly lengthening our correspondence. Howard has agreed to send me whatever written submissions he can uncover from HUD to the Velez court on the relationship question. Meanwhile, we are doing our own further thinking.

I do appreciate your patience; I will be in a position to respond more formally to your letter in the near future.

Sincerely,


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