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Mr. Carl E. Olsen  
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Dear Carl:

Enclosed is a copy of our submission to the DEA, along with your original copy of Marijuana and the Bible. In preparing our submission to DEA, I attempted to balance two competing motives. On the one hand, I wanted to outline each of our major positions and to place in "the record" documents that might be useful in arguing our case to the court of appeals. On the other hand, because I do not expect that the DEA will give us the relief requested, I did not want to line up our arguments in a manner that would facilitate DEA's cogent rejection of them in its upcoming ruling. In effect, I attempted to put all of the building blocks for our court of appeals argument before the agency without giving DEA a complete picture of what those arguments might be.

You will see that pages 6-18 of the memorandum contain historical and factual information about the Church. I gathered that information from discussions with you and Tom Reilly, Church publications, and reports and statements submitted by Ramsey Clark's firm in the Middleton case. Obviously, I could include only a small amount of information about the Church, and I would appreciate your views on whether additional explanation of the Church's history or beliefs should be added to the record by way of a supplementary statement to the agency. Also, I would appreciate it if you would review the memo carefully to determine whether any statements are inaccurate or misleading, so that I can correct them in a supplemental statement to the agency, or at least avoid repeating them in the future.

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Thank you for all of your help in getting this information together. I am sure we will be talking again in the future, probably shortly after the agency files its decision with the Court on July 29.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Steven J. Routh".

Steven J. Routh

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Enclosure