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Dear :

This letter is in response to your letter to my office dated August 29, 2009. I apologize for the tardiness of this response. However, as you may be aware, when publications are disapproved by the Publication Review Committee they are sent back to the facilities that originally sent the publication to the committee. Once received at the facility, the offender is notified of the Publication Review Committee's decision and the offender is given the opportunity to mail the publication home, have a visitor pick up the publication, or destroy the material.

In order to properly respond to your request for an independent review of this material and provide specific details regarding the reasons for the disapproval, I was seeking to gain a copy of the material from the facility. However, I was unable to obtain a copy of the material as it was already processed after the committee's decision. Therefore, I am requesting that you mail me a copy of the material in question (MIM Theory, Winter 1993 and the article "Maoism Around Us"). As soon as I receive a copy of this material, an independent review will be conducted.

Please note that the Publication Review Committee does not provide the specific text when materials are disapproved. Publishers and offenders are notified of the general area of the publication that was disapproved as well as the reasons for disapproval. Again, I apologize for the delay in response to your request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John M. Jabe".

John M. Jabe
Deputy Director, Operations

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