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Thank you.

>>> Julie Lund 10/22/01 10:53AM >>>

I just wanted to express my frustration over our conversation this morning about the Bierly case. I know we have been working on the trust issues in the case (as recently as last Thursday) and I had hoped we were making some progress. I was disappointed to learn that your source of information on "the problem" this morning was Bonnie Macri.

Bonnie Macri has spread other false information in this case and I hate to think that you would accept her word as the truth before contacting our office. It also bothers me that you would think Paul would file a PD petition in this case without assuring that everyone was in agreement with that action. He is aware that every level of your region has taken an interest in this case and would not file such a petition without making sure that everyone is on the same page.

I understand that for some reason this case has political implications (which remain a mystery to me). However, based upon the mis-information that Bonnie Macri has fed to Lisa I would hope that you would question the reliability of her statements to you before questioning those of your worker and attorney.

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