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Mr. Roger Goodell
Commissioner
National Football League
280 Park Avenue
New York, NY

Dear Commissioner Goodell:

With the New England Patriots about to play the Philadelphia Eagles again, as they did in the Superbowl in January 2005, I would appreciate your advising me what your investigation showed, if anything, on the question of the Patriots' stealing Eagles' signals during that Superbowl game.

I had thought there would be some additional disclosures following your initial sanction on the Patriots and Coach Belichick, but I did not see anything further so I would like a response on this specific question.

Sincerely,



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Dear Commissioner Goodell:

More than a month has passed since I wrote to you on November 15, 2007 concerning the issue of the New England Patriots spying on the Philadelphia Eagles on their 2005 Super Bowl game. I would appreciate a prompt response.

I was surprised to read in the New York Times on December 16th that the NFL had destroyed the tapes on the Patriots spying. Is that true?

The same New York Times story also contained the author's surmising that there was more than one copy because of the general practice of not having a single copy of anything. Was there a second copy? Is it possible to retrieve a copy?

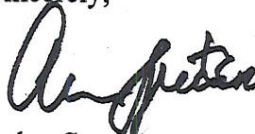
Candidly, the destruction of the tapes is, in my opinion, highly suspicious. I would appreciate your reply as to the scope of your investigation and your findings on the number of times the Patriots spied and on whom.

I share the concern that your treatment of the Patriots and Coach Belichick was insufficient. I would like to know the specifics of the misconduct which you found and your reasons for imposing the penalties which you did.

As I have said on many occasions in the past, including legislation which I have introduced, the NFL has a special duty to the public in light of the antitrust exemption which the NFL enjoys.

I would appreciate a prompt response to the questions posed in this letter and in my prior letter to you.

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