

## **EXHIBIT 5**

February 24, 1992 letter from Plaintiff to Paul De Zan, the then Laboratory Director of the DEA's Mid-Atlantic Field Laboratory

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

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TO: Mr. Paul De Zan  
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FROM: Mr. Melvyn Johnson  
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RE: Chemist Analysis (Controlled Substance) Lab# 125

Dear Mr. De Zan,

I am currently incarcerated at the Lorton Correctional Facility at Lorton Virginia, serving a sentence of thirty (30) years for possession of a controlled substance. The severity of my sentence is a direct result of the potent quality of heroin which I allegedly possessed. Throughout my trial, it was my contention that the drugs found on my person was for my personal use. However, because of the quality reported by a certified chemist in your laboratory, I was subsequently convicted. In an effort to appeal my conviction, I have thoroughly researched my case and, as a result, I too, find the test results to be somewhat at variance with qualities consistent with street level substance abuse. Attached is a copy of the D.E.A. 7 Laboratory report. I'm sure your staff is competent, However we're all subject to human error. Please reassess the report. Your cooperation in this matter is of the utmost importance in my case, but more importantly to the life of a man condemned to servitude. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

*Melvyn Johnson*  
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P.S. The quality of twenty-nine (29%) transforms my image from a urban city drug addict to a supplier from Amsterdam.

