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TO: Russell Mokhiber  
Corporate Crime Reporter

RE: Reporting regarding Matter Involving BP

AT FAX NUMBER: (202) 737-1656

FROM: Steven A. Tyrrell, Chief  
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Tyrrell", written over the typed name and title.

SUBJECT/REMARKS: This is a follow-up to your conversation with DOJ Spokesman Bryan Sierra earlier today. Bryan can be reached at (202) 514-2007 if you have any response, questions or concerns.



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October 29, 2007

***VIA FACSIMILE AND FIRST CLASS MAIL***

Russell Mokhiber  
Corporate Crime Reporter  
1209 National Press Building  
Washington, D.C. 20045

Re: Reporting Regarding Matter Involving BP

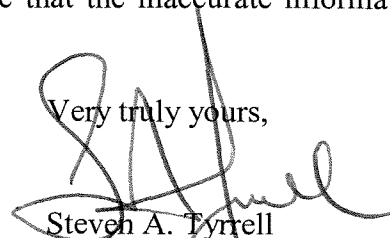
Dear Mr. Mokhiber:

I am writing regarding the Corporate Crime Reporter's October 26, 2007 story titled, "BP Moved Up the Ladder at Main Justice to Get Market Manipulation Prosecution Deferred."

In your story, you state, among other things, that "Fraud Section officials . . . insisted on a criminal plea for the commodities market manipulation part of the case," and "BP climbed the ladder at Main Justice – to the top of the Criminal Division – to get the Fraud Section's decision overturned . . . ." This description of the resolution of the Fraud Section's matter involving BP is wholly inaccurate. The Fraud Section did not "insist" that BP enter a guilty plea in its matter, nor were any of the positions the Fraud Section took during its negotiations with BP "overturned" by officials "up the ladder at Main Justice." Any suggestion to the contrary is false.

I hope that you will take steps to ensure that the inaccurate information you previously reported is corrected.

Very truly yours,



Steven A. Tyrrell  
Chief, Fraud Section  
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