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Dear Mr. Noriega:

I hope that this missive finds you in fine fettle. It was with great consternation that I discovered that you were not enjoying the fulsome benefits of a healthy life. Although I have never had the displeasure of finding myself enjoying the "hospitality of the State", it is my understanding that America's penal institutions are, actually, far from hospitable. The stories one hears are quite shocking, and beggar belief. One can only suspect that they are the propaganda of the justice system, designed to discourage possible malefactors. Regardless, it is my sincere hope is that your current tenure at the medical facility is much more satisfactory.

It has always been my opinion that your were the unwitting victim of nefarious forces, who's stygian plots throw a disgraceful, nay even, Orwellian light upon our otherwise esteemed world leadership. I would heartily advise you to consider attaining the services of a reputable legal firm to discuss the ramifications of obtaining a retrial in some other jurisdiction. My brother in law, Tolan McNeil, is an attorney of some repute in our little hamlet, and his opinion regarding your situation is that your case has some merit, and that a retrial in an unbiased venue could result in your acquittal. Then, my friend, you would be free to return to your native land, thence to once again take the helm and steer the good ship, Panama, towards a righteous future.

My Humblest Felicitations,

Garth Johnson

P.S. If it would not be too impertinent to ask, would you kindly send me a personally autographed picture for my archives?