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Mr. Carl Malamud  
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Dear Mr. Malamud:

This is in response to your e-mail message of March 11, 2008, to Karen Redmond here at the Administrative Office of the United States Courts, in which you indicated the desire of Public.Resource.Org to donate a digital copy of numerous United States Courts of Appeals decisions. Specifically, you stated that your corporation has placed these decisions on the Internet for reuse without restriction, including most of those contained in the F.2d and F.3d.

The Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts has statutory authority to accept, hold, administer, and utilize gifts of personal property for the purpose of aiding or facilitating the work of the Judicial Branch. 28 U.S.C. § 604(a)(17). Further, he has delegated this gift acceptance authority to me.

After consideration of your gracious proposal, it has been determined that, in light of the fact your organization has made these decisions available on the Internet for reuse without restriction, the Judiciary has no existing need for digital copies. While this unlimited access will undoubtedly provide a benefit to the public, accepting digital copies of these decisions would not aid or facilitate the work of the Judicial Branch. Accordingly, I must respectfully decline to accept this proposed gift.

Again, thank you for your kind offer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "William R. Burchill, Jr.", is written in dark ink.

William R. Burchill, Jr.  
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