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Mr. Thomas E. Watson, Jr.
Chairman
Appraisal Subcommittee
2000 K Street NW, Suite 310
Washington, DC 20006

Dear Mr. Watson:

This is in response to your letter of September 14, 2001 regarding the recent review of Louisiana's appraiser certification program.

Concerning our need to involve persons knowledgeable about appraisals and USPAP in our complaint investigation and resolution process, members of the board are currently offering assistance to our investigative staff. While this is not an ideal situation, we are faced with the fact that the state cannot indemnify anyone other than a state employee or board member. We are currently reviewing the possibility of contracting with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for the purpose of using one of their staff appraisers to assist our investigators with appraisal complaints. I have also instructed the Executive Director to schedule our investigative staff for USPAP training at qualifying education courses.

Regarding the awarding of experience credit for teaching appraisal courses and authoring appraisal textbooks or journals, we will amend our regulations to correct that problem.

Should you have any questions, please contact us.

Yours very truly,

Logan Babin, Jr.
Chairman

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