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March 5, 1997

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b6 -7 Per DOJ
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Billy Graham Evangelistic Association
1300 Harmon Place
Minneapolis, MN 55403

Re: Benny Row

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Dear [Redacted]:

As you know, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Nebraska are investigating a fraudulent money making scheme in which Benny Rowe is suspected of having enticed \$25,000 from each of two victims by claiming to have personally reached an agreement with Billy Graham to market and resell sermons. At least one of the victims has previously spoken with you, and reports that you described this as "the worst case of fraud that ever involved Billy Graham". We agree with your assessment that this is a flagrant criminal act, and we are attempting to vigorously pursue this case. We need your help.

Typically in cases such as this when an individual, like Benny Rowe, claims to have met with and reached an agreement with someone such as Billy Graham, and when it comes time to prove in court that no such agreement was ever reached, the judge or jury would expect us to produce [Billy Graham] to testify that no such agreement was ever reached. We realize that it may be unreasonable to expect Billy Graham to personally appear in court in connection with this case. We think it unlikely the judge would require his appearance. One way to virtually guarantee that the case would not even progress to that point, however, would be to make clear to Benny Rowe and his attorney that litigating the case would be useless. To that end, it would be very useful if we had a letter which we can show to Benny Rowe and his attorney which unequivocally characterizes as false the various claims made by Benny Rowe when he obtained money from the victims in this case. 1940-01m-42572-58

Ideally, the letter should unequivocally set forth the following:

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- Billy Graham, his personal secretary, and anyone else who would be in a position to know of Benny Rowe, have all never heard of Benny Rowe.

- Nobody in this same group of people have ever heard of the "Billy Graham Project - Phoenix".

- Billy Graham has never met personally with Benny Rowe at Graham's residence in North Carolina (or anywhere else for that matter).

- Nobody in the group of people referenced above has ever discussed with Benny Rowe a proposal to resell Billy Graham's sermons and split the profits.

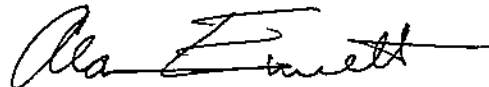
- Billy Graham, in fact, sells his own sermons, and people who buy those sermons are not authorized to resell them.

If this were a perfect world Billy Graham's signature would appear on the letter sent to us which would, in our opinion, induce a quick guilty plea by Benny Rowe. If it is not possible to obtain Billy Graham's signature on this letter, it would be very useful if the person signing the letter could represent in the letter that he or she had spoken with Mr. Graham about the representations made in the letter. The sooner we can obtain the letter, the sooner we can move forward with the prosecution of this case.

Thank you very much for your cooperation and efforts to help us bring this investigation to a close. If you have any questions or need anything further, please don't hesitate to let us know.

Very truly yours,

THOMAS J. MONAGHAN
United States Attorney, D. NE



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Assistant U. S. Attorney

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NEWS RELEASE

Office of the
United States Attorney
for the
District of Nebraska

Thomas J. Monaghan

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June 20, 1997

United States Attorney Thomas J. Monaghan today announced the arrest of Benny L. Rowe, 48 years of age. Rowe was previously indicted by a federal grand jury on four counts of wire fraud and one count of interstate transportation of fraudulently obtained securities. The indictment alleges that Benny Rowe obtained \$25,000 from a couple in Virginia by falsely representing to them that he had personally met with Billy Graham and had obtained verbal permission from Billy Graham to market and sell sermons written by Billy Graham. The indictment alleges four phone calls took place between Benny Rowe in Fremont, Nebraska and the victims in Herndon, Virginia in furtherance of this fraudulent scheme. The indictment further alleges that Benny Rowe obtained a check from the victims in Virginia in the amount of \$25,000 and thereafter brought the check to the state of Nebraska. The wire fraud charges pertaining to the telephone calls each carry a maximum possible penalty of five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine followed by three years of supervised release. The charge of transporting a fraudulently obtained security in interstate commerce carries a maximum possible penalty of ten years in prison and a \$250,000 fine followed by three years of supervised release.

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Meeting of the People's Peace
Treaty Committee;
Wednesday, March 12, 1986

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NY T-1, a highly knowledgeable source, furnished the
following:

According to NY T-1, the People's Peace Treaty (PPT)
Committee held a meeting at the National Council of American
Soviet Friendship (NCASF) Office, 162 Madison Ave., NY, NY 10016,
on March 12, 1986.

Those who were present included the following:

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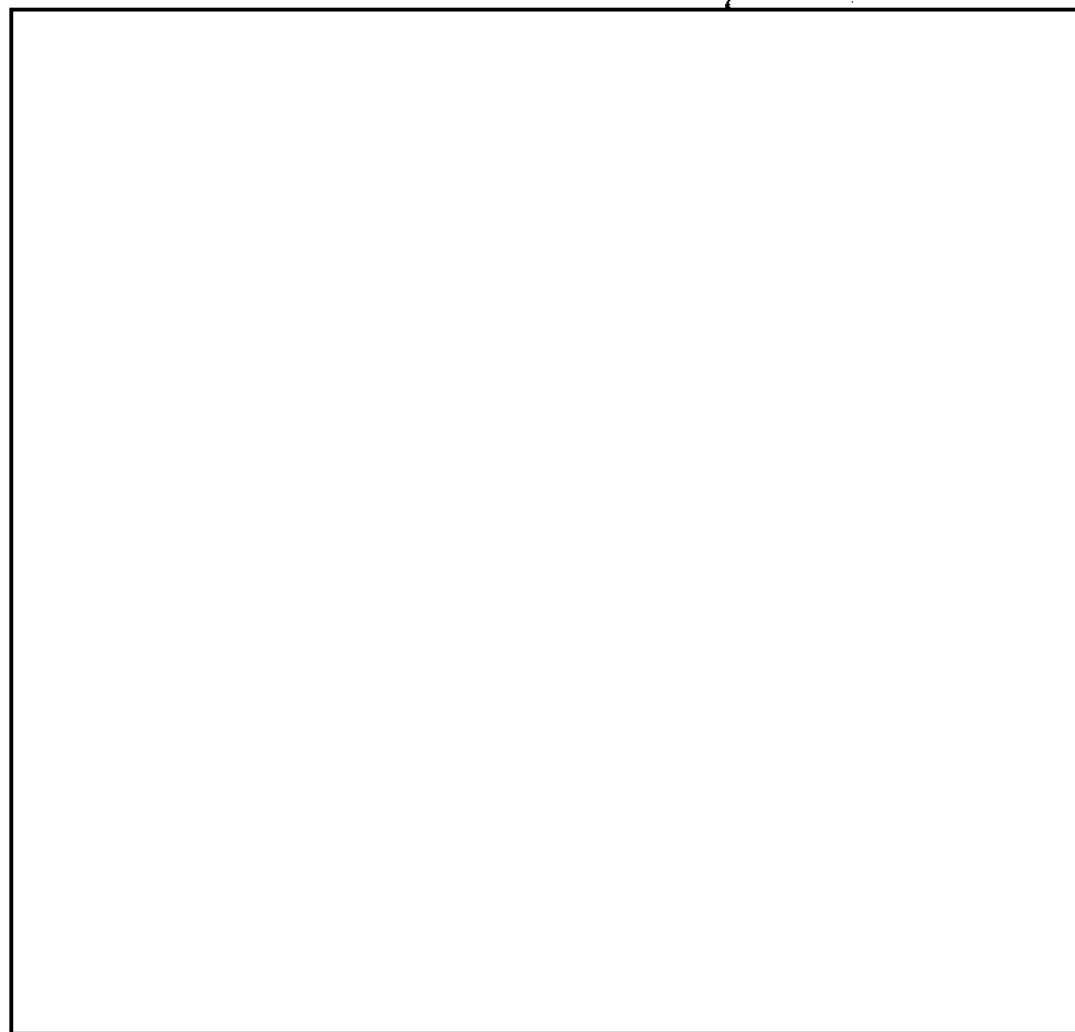
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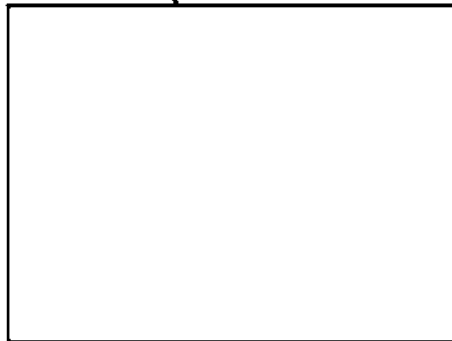
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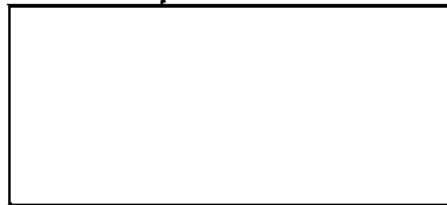
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