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Dear Mr. Dunn:

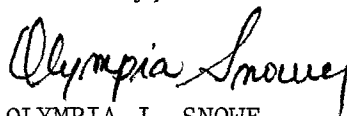
I have been informed of your visit with Carol Gardner of my District staff on November 2 in my Auburn office. I have read her report of your meeting which cites case details to substantiate your contention that justice is being denied many people in Maine.

My office has made inquiries to the agencies involved and I am satisfied that sufficient investigation has been carried out by the office of the Attorney General. I am convince there is no conspiracy against the truth and justice as such. That is not to say that individual cases have all had fair hearings or proper defense. But it would seem to me that the only vehicle for redress is through our court system. It is my belief that sufficient evidence would be all that is required to prompt the State to prosecute.

I understand you are planning a meeting in Augusta in an attempt to expose wrongdoing to the public. This is certainly your right and may well bring about the action you desire.

I am sorry that I could not be of assistance to you, but I do not feel such assistance would be appropriate.

Sincerely,



OLYMPIA J. SNOWE
Member of Congress
2nd District, Maine

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