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Hi Ms. McMullan,

I received the cc on this email. This is much appreciated.

In reading your letter, though, there are some untruths. Please know that I did in fact inform the reporter(s) that I would be recording them as they record the interview. In fact, I state when we begin, "And I will be recording you as you record the interview, if that is o.k."

So I just want to set the record straight as I am reading your request to Executive Director Bridges.

Thank you,

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