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Honorable William C. Griesbach  
Chief United States District Judge  
125 South Jefferson Street, Room 203  
Green Bay, Wisconsin 54301-4541

Re: United States v. Ronald Van Den Heuvel, Case No. 16-CR-64

Dear Judge Griesbach:

We write in brief response to defendant Ronald Van Den Heuvel's objection to the magistrate judge's denial of his Motion To Sever Counts 1 through 13 from Counts 14 through 19 against him in this case. The defendant's motion alleged wrongful joinder under Rule 8 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure and a need for severance under Rule 14 to avoid prejudice to his defense (R. 100). The United States opposed the motion on both grounds (R. 116).

Magistrate Judge Jones denied the motion, finding that joinder was proper and that severance was not necessary to avoid prejudice (R. 143). Now, the defendant objects to that order and asks you to review the magistrate's decision (R. 147). The defendant does not challenge the decision that joinder was proper but continues to press the argument that severance is necessary to avoid prejudice.

As the defendant has made no new arguments, we see no point in making additional submissions. The United States continues to rely upon its earlier arguments and the magistrate's decision to ask you to affirm the order denying the defendant's motion to sever counts.

Thank you for your attention to this letter. If you have any questions or need additional material from the government, please contact us at any time.

Respectfully submitted,

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