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Stephan Sharkansky
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Dear Mr. Sharkansky:

I received your letter dated July 18, 2005 regarding your July 5, 2005 public disclosure request. The policy of this office to protect against damage to and disorganization of original absentee ballot envelopes by providing access to copies rather than the originals has not changed. As stated in my previous letter to you, this policy is permitted by RCW 42.17.290 and is necessary for the protection of the records.

In your July 18 letter, you expand your public disclosure request to include "copies of all absentee ballot envelopes returned in King County in the November 2004 general election." Copies of the absentee ballot envelopes will be made available to you, but the schedule will have to account for the other essential functions of this office. Due to the number of documents you have requested, we expect that it will take us approximately four months to completely finish our response to your entire request. However, if documents responsive to portions of your request are available incrementally, we will let you know and will provide you with access to them as soon as they are available. We will keep you updated on our progress regarding this effort.

If possible, we will produce copies of the absentee ballots in the order described in your letter. However, we may provide access to copies of envelopes out of order to the extent they are ready for review.

Sincerely,

for Dean C. Logan
Director

cc: Janine Joly, Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney