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April 20, 2006

Earl Denver  
27913 Taft Highway  
Taft, CA 93268

Dear Mr. Denver:

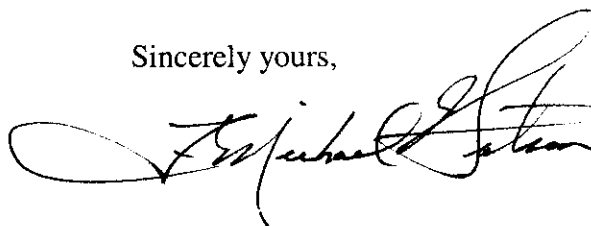
Thank you for your letter of April 17, 2006, addressed to President Gordon B. Hinckley and to which I have been asked to respond.

With an appreciation for the concerns outlined in your letter, the resolution to this situation is best left to the U.S. Government; and you should continue to work with the appropriate elected officials.

Knowing this will be a disappointment to you, your understanding is nevertheless appreciated.

I have been asked to extend to you kind regards and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "F. Michael Watson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "F" and a long, sweeping underline.

F. Michael Watson  
Secretary to the First Presidency