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Others

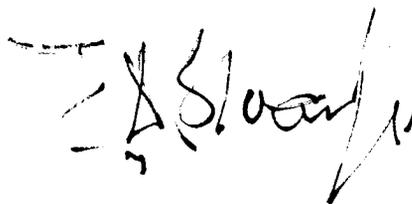
Ladies and Gentlemen:

January 2, I wrote to you urging the Governor to appoint Paul Townes to membership in the Order of the Palmetto.

I inaccurately wrote that I had not seen the five reports prior to January 1, 2017. I had seen them prior to September 2012 when we contended the Aiken Bridge Inspection case in trial court and used the report on that as evidence. We lost at trial, appealed to the Supreme Court, and included that report in the Appendix of that case. January 12, 2016, the Supreme Court heard oral argument, we await disposition of our appeal.

I should have learned by now not to trust my memory.

Yours very truly:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. D. Sloan, Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.