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Dear Mr. Olsen:

This is in response to your December 18, 1989, letter. As I informed you in my March 24, 1989, letter, Congress specifically excepted alcohol products and tobacco from coverage under the Controlled Substances Act. That does not mean that they are not substances of abuse in the general sense, but that Congress chose to eliminate them from the coverage of the Act.

If you have further concerns about this issue, they would most appropriately be addressed to your Congressional representative.

Sincerely,

John C. Lawn
Administrator