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Dear Gary,

The central problem with your approach from "Day One" has been that you think whenever we ask you and your client to act reasonably, that is seeking a "concession". Given that approach, you have already spent or caused the expenditure of hundreds of thousands of dollars in legal fees when there was no need for any of it – as we have made clear at least ten times orally and twenty times in writing. Now you want to engage in more "talk": To what effect?

We are not interested in providing you any more cover with your clients for this crazy, non-economic approach. Every time we talk to you and it goes nowhere (because you never intend it to go anywhere), it simply gives you an excuse to try to justify to your clients why you have taken them down another rabbit trail.

We said it a few days ago: They are going to be very, very sorry when they realize what this approach has cost them.

Jim and Mike

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Mike and Jim: I am still interested in having an exchange of views on the law regarding the homestead/
partition issue. If the issue really is in doubt, I'd like my clients to understand that and to consider
settlement options. As we've discussed, resolving this out of court could positively affect other issues of
mutual concern.

You may feel you understand our legal position, although we're somewhat in doubt, given your
comment that our case law comes from a tax perspective (it doesn't, in any respect). We don't
understand your legal position at all (that is, we see no support for it presently), but we'd approach the
discussion with an open mind.

Do we want to attempt to resolve the Robledo issues by settlement discussions?

(We are not prepared to offer any concessions to induce this discussion; if resolving the Robledo issue
isn't sufficient, so be it.)

GS

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