[Ministry of Internal Affairs letterhead]

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to State Duma Deputy I. V. Ponomarev

Concerning the examination of a request

Dear II'ya Vladimirovich!

Your request has been examined in the Russian MVD [Ministry of Internal Affairs] Investigations Committee with a study of the materials of a criminal case.

Arguments with respect to the unwarranted closing of criminal case N^o 299249 opened on the basis of indications of a crime stipulated by point "b" of part 2 of Article 172 (illegal banking activity) of the Russian Federation Criminal Code have been corroborated. In this connection the decree to close the criminal case has been cancelled and the preliminary investigation has been resumed.

The management of the Main Investigative Directorate of the Moscow City GUVD [Main Directorate of Internal Affairs] has been charged with creating an investigative operations group composed of specialists of the Russian FSB [Federal Security Service] Information Security Center and the Directorate of Special Technical Measures of the Moscow City GUVD to perform a set of investigative actions and operational detective measures directed at determining the truth of the case. The arguments described by you will be verified in the course of additional investigation, including the existence of the other elements of crimes in the actions of P. O. Vrublevsky.

The progress and the results of the investigation are being monitored by the Russian MVD Investigations Committee.

Deputy Minister and Chief of the Russian MVD Investigations Committee

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