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10 RODNEY F. STICH,)
11 WESTERN DIABLO ENTERPRISES, Inc.) Case No.: CV-N-00-0152-ECR (RAM)
12 Plaintiff,)
13 Vs.) DECLARATION RELATING TO LINKS
14 ESTELLE C. MANNIS; et al.) BETWEEN DEFENDANTS' CONDUCT
15) AND SEPTEMBER 11, 2001, TERRORIST
16) ACTS
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20 **Declaration Relating To Links Between Conduct Of All Defendants**
21 **And Terrorist Acts of September 11, 2001**

22 I, Rodney F. Stich, declare:

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24 The purpose of this declaration is to show the links between the terrorist hijackers of
25 September 11, 2001, and each defendant named in this lawsuit. Each of these defendants
26 knowingly and corruptly played a direct and a supporting role in blocking attempts to report
27 corrupt and criminal activities that were subverting major national interests, including those
28 related to aviation safety.

1 I initially discovered a culture of corrupt and criminal activities related to a series of
2 continuing airline crashes while a federal air safety inspector-investigator for the Federal
3 Aviation Administration (FAA). Almost every one of the corrupt activities¹ within the Federal
4 Aviation Administration (FAA) that I sought to report were associated with years of fatal airline
5 crashes. At least one of these was the world's worst air disaster² at that time, occurring in my
6 area of safety responsibilities. The latest examples of the consequences of this misconduct were
7 the four hijackings that occurred on September 11, 2001, made possible by the corrupt conduct
8 of certain FAA management and legal personnel.
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11 I and other federal air safety inspectors had repeatedly reported the hijacking problems and
12 the easily accomplished actions to prevent hijackers from taking over airliners. Details of this
13 misconduct and the tactics blocking these federal crimes are found in the third edition of
14 *Unfriendly Skies* (filled as an exhibit with this lawsuit), and the first edition of *Drugging*
15 *America*. The deep-seated culture of corruption and its deadly consequences are detailed in
16 numerous documents.³
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18 Possibly because of the high death toll in numerous fraud-related airline crashes, my attempts
19 to report these federal crimes to other government checks and balances in the executive and
20 congressional branches of government encountered repeated obstruction of justice.
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23 ¹ The criminal activities within the FAA, detailed in the third edition of *Unfriendly Skies*, included, for instance:
24 (a) repeated refusal by FAA management to order legally required corrective actions for major air safety problems
25 and air safety violations despite the continuing crashes resulting from the documented matters; (b) warning federal
26 agents not to report crash-causing air safety problems; (c) removing and destroying official air safety reports filed by
27 federal air safety inspectors; (d) retaliating against inspectors who continue to make such reports; (e) removing
28 inspectors from air safety duties, including suspension, for reporting or taking legally required and authorized
actions within the inspector's area of responsibilities; (f) protecting airlines falsifying major air safety requirements
and harassing and threatening inspectors who report the problems; (g) falsifying office reports during accident
investigations.

² United Airlines DC-8 crash into New York City on December 16, 1960.

³ The documentation includes official reports by me and other federal inspectors; evidence in a 4000 page
hearing transcript during which I acted as an independent prosecutor; large amount of letters, my testimony,
combined with NTSB accident reports.

1 **Documented Corruption Sabotaging Government’s Air Safety Responsibilities**

2 Included in the documented misconduct relating that blocked the federal government from
3 performing its air safety duties, which played a key role in the success of the September 11,
4 2001, terrorists, are the following documented corrupt acts:

- 5 • FAA management unlawfully ordering federal air safety inspectors not to report air safety
6 problems or air safety violations.
- 7 • FAA management unlawfully destroying official reports of major air safety problems, air
8 safety violations, and criminal falsification of government-required air safety reports.
- 9 • FAA management retaliating against federal air safety inspectors when the inspectors
10 made reports of major safety problems or acted on safety problems within their area of
11 federal authority.
- 12 • FAA management retaliating against federal air safety inspectors when inspectors took
13 legally required corrective actions at politically powerful airlines. Retaliation took many
14 forms, including transfer to undesirable duty assignments, transfer to undesirable
15 locations, unfavorable performance reports, denial of promotions, denial of desired
16 training, and petty harassment.
- 17 • Protecting politically powerful airlines reported as criminally falsifying important safety
18 records, refusal to perform legally required safety requirements, and operating in an
19 unsafe manner.
- 20 • Many of these unlawful acts occurred as fatal airline crashes continued to occur from the
21 same safety problems being reported.
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27 **Collateral To Deep-Seated Pattern Of Corruption**

28 Among the collateral consequences of the widespread corruption was the refusal by FAA

1 management to order corrective measures that are legally required when federal air safety
2 inspectors report serious air safety problems and violations. I and other federal air safety
3 inspectors filed official reports years earlier describing the hijacking⁴ tragedies and the simple
4 and inexpensive measures that would have prevented hijackers from taking control of airliners.
5 The great extent of this problem was documented in the FAA hearing during which I acted as an
6 independent prosecutor, as detailed in the third edition of *Unfriendly Skies*.

8 **Outstanding Aviation Background and** 9 **Federal Authority To Make Such Determinations**

10 My competency and ability to discover these corrupt and criminal activities arose from a
11 combination of factors: (a) my former position as a federal air safety inspector-investigator for
12 the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), responsible for air safety at the most senior program
13 of the world's largest airline, while it was experiencing a 20-year pattern of fraud-related
14 crashes; (b) my background in aviation as an airline captain for many years and Navy pilot in
15 World War II; (c) federal training and federal law authorized me to make such determinations;
16 (d) I acted as an independent prosecutor within the FAA during a four-month hearing that further
17 documented⁵ the corruption and relationship to prior air disasters, to those occurring during the
18 hearing, and those occurring immediately after the hearing. Obviously, I was well qualified.

21 **Initially Aiding and Abetting the FAA Corruption**

22 Many people holding responsible positions in government (and elsewhere as stated in this
23 lawsuit) covered up for these criminal activities that I reported to them. They include:
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26 ⁴ These two preventative measures that I and other inspectors had reported were to strengthen the door between
27 the aircraft's cockpit and cabin; and remove keys to the doors that were in the possession of the flight attendants. In
28 this way, hijackers would be barred from taking over the aircraft from the pilots.

⁵ The documentation of internal FAA corruption and criminal activities includes government reports in my
possession, in the 4,000 page FAA hearing transcript during which I acted as an independent prosecutor, my
testimony before a federal grand jury, letters making a record of the misconduct, and the details in the third edition
of *Unfriendly Skies*.

- 1 • NTSB Board members, who covered up for the internal FAA corruption that I and other
2 federal air safety agents reported to them. The NTSB cover-ups caused the air safety
3 related corruption to continue, as expected. NTSB board members then covered up for
4 the misconduct leading up to the crashes that their cover-ups made possible, requiring
5 them to falsify the accident report by omitting these key facts.
- 7 • Members of Congress, including those who had direct oversight responsibility for the
8 FAA and NTSB.
- 9 • Justice Department personnel who were informed of these federal offenses by me,
10 starting while I was a federal air safety inspector, and who engaged in a combination of
11 obstruction of justice, threats, and retaliation for seeking to make the reports. Many other
12 government agents encountered similar obstruction of justice reactions.

14 **Responsibility Under Federal Criminal Statutes** 15 **To Report Federal Crimes To A Federal Judge**

16 Starting in the late 1970s, I sought to report to a federal court,⁶ under the federal crime
17 reporting statute,⁷ the criminal activities that I discovered as a federal air safety inspector and
18 which continued to play key roles in fatal airline crashes. Federal judges had a mandatory
19 requirement under the federal crime reporting statute to receive this information and evidence as
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22 ⁶ Including those initially filed in the 1980s: *Stich v. United States, et al.*, 554 F.2d 1070 (9th Cir.) (table), *cert. denied*, 434 U.S. 920 (1977)(addressed hard-core air safety misconduct, violations of federal air safety laws, threats
23 against government inspectors not to report safety violations and misconduct); *Stich v. National Transportation*
24 *Safety Board*, 685 F.2d 446 (9th Cir.)(table), *cert. denied*, 459 U.S. 861 (1982))(addressed repeated criminal
25 falsification of official airline accident reports, omitting highly sensitive air safety misconduct, making possible
26 repeated crashes from the same sequestered problems); Amicus curiae brief filed on July 17, 1975, in the Paris DC-
27 10 multi-district litigation, *Flanagan v. McDonnell Douglas Corporation and United States of America*, Civil Action
28 74-808-PH, MDL 172, Central District California.)(addressing the long standing FAA misconduct, of which the
cover-up of the DC-10 cargo door problem was one of repeated instances of tragedy related misconduct); U.S. v.
Department of Justice, District of Columbia, Nos. 86-2523, 87-2214, and other actions filed by Stich seeking to
expose and correct the powerful and covert air disaster misconduct.

⁷ Title 18 USC § 4. Misprision of felony. Whoever, having knowledge of the actual commission of a felony
cognizable by a court of the United States, conceals and does not as soon as possible make known the same to some
judge or other person in civil or military authority under the United States, shall be fined under this title or
imprisoned not more than three years, or both.

1 part of their administrative (not judicial decision making) duties. Despite the gravity of these
2 charges and the many people who had perished in fraud-related airline crashes, and those yet to
3 die, federal judges⁸ at every level blocked the reporting of these criminal activities.

4 **Other Areas Of Criminality Affecting National Interests**

5 In 1986, after I received information and documentation of criminal activities⁹ in other
6 government offices from other government agents,¹⁰ I again sought to report these additional
7 criminal activities to federal judges.¹¹ Federal judges:

- 9 • Continued blocking the reports despite federal criminal statutes requiring the judges to
10 receive the information and evidence as part of their administrative duties. Refusal to
11 receive the information, or blocking the reports, would be criminal acts.
- 12 • Charged me with criminal contempt of court for attempting to report these criminal
13 activities. They sought support for this retaliation against a former federal agent on the
14 basis that federal judges had issued unlawful and unconstitutional orders terminating my
15 right to federal court access.
- 16 • Denied me a jury trial, and held me guilty of criminal contempt of court, sentencing me
17 to six months in federal prison, which included eight weeks in solitary confinement. I was
18 68 years of age at that time and had recently undergone a six-bypass open-heart surgery.
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22 ⁸ The judges implicated in this continual obstruction of justice consisted of numerous district judges, the entire
23 Ninth Circuit court of appeals, and justices of the U.S. Supreme Court. These obstruction of justice actions made
24 possible a continuation of fatal crashes arising from the corruption and the collateral refusal to act on major safety
25 problems.

26 ⁹ The other criminal activities that we, as federal agents, discovered included the corrupt and criminal acts by
27 people holding government air safety responsibilities, drug smuggling by people acting under government positions
28 and covert activities, massive corruption in the federal courts and especially the bankruptcy courts, funding of secret
bank accounts by the CIA for high government officials, and other criminal activities detailed in the informational
books, *Unfriendly Skies*, *Defrauding America*, and *Drugging America*.

¹⁰ Other government agents that provided information and documentation were those from the DEA, Customs,
Secret Service, FBI, CIA—including former heads of secret CIA airlines and secret CIA financial operations, and
from state agents.

¹¹ Among the federal judges implicated in blocking the reports and retaliating were Marilyn Patel, Samuel
Conti, Milton Schwartz, and many others.

1 While in prison, federal judges issued unlawful and unconstitutional orders, in a
2 documented pattern of corrupt activities that stripped me of all assets, including my
3 home, my businesses, and my sole source of income. These were the assets that funded
4 my exposure of criminal activities.
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6 Each of these corrupt acts was repeatedly approved by the judges, including the entire Ninth
7 Circuit court of appeals and by the Justices of the U.S. Supreme Court. Under federal criminal
8 statutes, they became implicated in these federal offenses, including accessories before and after
9 the fact, and played a role in related tragedies, including September 11, 2001.
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11 **Consolidating Cover-Ups With Sham Legal Processes For Same Goal**

12 Following my identification of this misconduct in the second edition of the book, *Unfriendly*
13 *Skies*, a sham lawsuit was filed against me by the CIA-front law firm of Friedman, Sloan and
14 Ross in San Francisco. That lawsuit targeted the \$10 million in real estate assets that funded my
15 exposure activities. That lawsuit was barred by several dozen California statutes and rules of
16 court and federal laws and constitutional protections. Further, California judges lacked personal
17 jurisdiction under clearly worded statutes.
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19 To succeed, that lawsuit needed the cooperation of over a dozen California judges, some of
20 whom are listed as defendants in this lawsuit. When I exercised federal remedies specific for the
21 violations being perpetrated, federal judges then became implicated, protecting the scheme, the
22 people carrying it out, and insuring the success of taking my life assets.
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24 Just as federal judges repeatedly blocked the reporting of the criminal activities, federal
25 judges, from 1983 through 1999, repeatedly violated federal defenses by denying me a court
26 forum, protecting those committing the record-setting violations of federally protected rights.
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1 Numerous federal defenses¹² existed that were specific for the violations being perpetrated in
2 the California lawsuit that invoked federal court jurisdiction. Federal judges then combined their
3 prior block to reporting criminal activities with total termination of my federally protected rights.
4 The two matters became intertwined: obstruction of justice with denial of statutory and
5 constitutional defenses that blocked defenses against the second method used to block the
6 reporting of the criminal activities.
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8 **Non-judicial Defendants Listed In This Lawsuit Aided and Abetted the Judicial**
9 **Defendants In Blocking the Reports Of the Criminal and Treasonous Conduct**

10 As the Friedman lawsuit progressed through the courts, other defendants named in this
11 lawsuit became involved. Their documented acts reveal a determination to become a part of the
12 scheme to halt my exposure activities, as described in this lawsuit. The non-judicial defendants
13 named in this lawsuit knew of the violations being perpetrated, knew of the judicial obstruction
14 of justice, and knew of the CIA connections between the Friedman law firm and the sham
15 lawsuit. They recognized the scheme. They recognized the subverting of the laws and
16 Constitution, the obstruction of justice, the effects upon multiple aspects of national security, and
17 the past and future tragic consequences of the corruption and the cover-ups. They became part of
18 the conspiracy that is described in this lawsuit and the attached exhibit, *Defrauding America*.
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21 **Defendants' Involvement In Criminal and Treasonous Conduct**

22 Some of the defendants in this lawsuit committed the criminal activities directly, and some
23 became complicit by aiding and abetting the crimes. The criminal activities included (a)
24 obstruction of justice;¹³ (b) inflicting harm upon a former federal agent and witness in retaliation
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28 ¹² Specific federal defenses arose under the Civil Rights Act and Declaratory Judgment Act.

¹³ Title 18 U.S.C. §§ 2, 3, and 4.

1 for seeking to report criminal activities;¹⁴ (c) accessory before and accessory after the fact; (d)
2 conspiracy to obstruct justice. All of these acts would have adverse effects, including those
3 terrorist acts occurring on September 11, 2001, made possible by the corrupt culture described in
4 this lawsuit and attached book.

6 **Continued Cover-Ups and Continued Denial Of Civil Rights**

7 In 1999, I filed this lawsuit, again attempting to report the criminal activities¹⁵ to a federal to
8 a federal judge under the federal crime reporting statute, and exercising the remedies under the
9 Civil Rights Act, civil RICO, and the Declaratory Judgment Act, against each of the defendants.

10 Again, federal judges blocked the reporting of the criminal activities, continued the practice
11 of denying to me the remedies in law, both matters interrelated. Granting of federal remedies
12 risks exposing the corrupt and criminal acts.

14 **Examples Of the Consequences From This Documented Corruption**

15 The consequences of these corrupt activities continue to subvert the security of the United
16 States and other vital U.S. interests, and makes possible the tragic consequences.

- 18 • Continuation of aviation tragedies associated with the documented corruption in the
19 FAA, the most visible recent consequences occurring on September 11, 2001.
- 20 • Continuation of drug smuggling into the United States by people acting under cover of
21 their government positions.
- 22 • Continuation of the corruption in the bankruptcy courts with its financial and emotional
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25 ¹⁴ Title 18 U.S.C. §§ 2, 3, 4, 35, 111, 153, 241, 242, 245(b)(1)(B), 246, 371, 1341, 1343, 1503, 1505, 1512,
1513(b), 1515(a).

26 ¹⁵ Criminal activities implicating people in key federal positions included corruption in the federal air safety
27 agencies, drug smuggling into the United States, corruption in federal bankruptcy courts and other federal courts,
28 secret funding of government officials through secret CIA operations, CIA looking of financial institutions, and a
series of other corrupt activities detailed and documented in the books that I wrote, the third editions of Unfriendly
Skies and Defrauding America and the first edition of Drugging America (the second edition of which is now ready
for publication. The sole purpose for writing these books is to circumvent the endemic cover-ups and to inform the
public of the crimes against them and to motivate as many as possible to exercise citizen responsibilities.

1 trauma upon those people who exercise the statutory protections of Chapter 11.

- 2 • Continuing to spread the cancerous corruption throughout government and throughout
- 3 society.
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- 5 • And many other adverse and even fatal consequences, some of which are described in my
- 6 books.

7 **Making Possible Many National Tragedies, Including September 11, 2001**

8 These corrupt activities were made known to federal judges starting in 1978. In those court
9 filings I warned federal judges of the consequences of refusing to act, or of cover-up. The
10 tragedies continued to occur. The consequences were made known to this court since this lawsuit
11 was filed on March 24, 1999. Sufficient time existed to take action to have prevented the
12 tragedies occurring on September 11, 2001, and many other tragedies.

13 *If the obstruction of justice in the courts had not occurred,* and if the defendants in this action
14 had not become deeply implicated in the crimes, the evidence offered by me and other key
15 federal personnel could have been acted upon to take preventative actions.. Three thousand
16 deaths could have been prevented and the subsequent events avoided, some of which may lead to
17 tragedies beyond our comprehension. The present cover-up will make possible a continuation of
18 what I had documented for the past 40 years.

19 I declare that these statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief,
20 and are based upon many years of government and non-government investigative duties and
21 documentation available to me. Executed this 21th day of January 2002 in the county of Washoe,
22 State of Nevada.

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