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Ref: Complaint by former federal agent relating to (a) obstruction of justice actions by DOJ personnel, and (b) blocking of information needed by federal prisoner for legal defense.

To Mr. Fine:

The purpose of this letter is to complain of, and seek relief from the issues raised below. I am a former federal agent who left government service in the FAA due to the deep-seated corruption related to a series of airline disasters. I then became an investigator and writer on matters relating to misconduct of key people in government offices that adversely affected national security and the lives of many victims. The most recent impediments to carrying out this function have been what I characterize as obstruction of justice tactics by DOJ personnel. Here are the facts:

- DOJ personnel at the Metropolitan Correctional Center (MCC) in Manhattan, have seized and blocked from receiving a book that I sent (February 2007) to Gregory Scarpa Jr. (10099-050). The book contained information that was intended to do two things:
 - Provide Scarpa with information that could possibly be useful in legal efforts affecting his imprisonment.
 - Provide state law enforcement personnel information related to the criminal case against retired FBI Supervisory Agent Lindley DeVecchio. The material information in that book includes data that was provided to me during the past six years by former FBI Special Agent (and war hero) Richard Taus, who worked under DeVecchio. Taus discovered criminal activities affecting national issues, as well as obstruction of justice actions by DeVecchio, while working in that capacity. Taus' attempts to circumvent FBI cover-ups, by reporting the criminal activities to members of Congress, resulted in DOJ officials charging Taus with criminal offenses, thereby silencing him. That war hero is now in prison, where he may languish until he dies—so as to protect corrupt people in key government positions.
 - The information about the criminal activities of FBI Supervisory Agent DeVecchio, that Taus, Scarpa, and I sought to provide, was accumulated by me shortly after the revelations of murders perpetrated by FBI agents in the Boston office. Understanding this relationship was especially important to show that the murders perpetrated by DeVecchio were not an insolated incident in the FBI, and reflected a broader culture in the FBI and DOJ that involved FBI and DOJ officials in Washington through cover-ups.
 - The book being withheld from Scarpa, which I wrote, is called, *FBI, CIA, the Mob, and Treachery*. It's contents, which is being withheld from Mr. Scarpa, could possibly help his legal remedies as well as provide further insight into DeVecchio's murderous spree and the

standard government cover-up.

- Another incident showing the obstruction of justice culture of certain DOJ personnel occurred in 2002. At that time, DOJ prison officials at the federal penitentiary at Florence, Colorado blocked Mr. Scarpa from providing me information (a) to be used in an investigative reporter position, and (b) blocked me from reporting criminal activities by certain employees of the Department of Justice that involved FBI Supervisory Agent Lindley DeVecchio. This meets the definition of obstruction of justice.
 - The information that Mr. Scarpa was attempting to provide to me in 2002 is similar to the information that a Brooklyn district attorney discovered several years later, which he used as part of the basis for filing murder charges against DeVecchio. That information, combined with the information provided to me by former FBI Special Agent Richard Taus who worked under DeVecchio, would have revealed several years earlier the murders and other crimes several years involving FBI supervisory agent DeVecchio. It would also reveal a culture in the Department of Justice that constitutes a threat and source of harm to all Americans. Therefore, the block by DOJ personnel at the Florence penitentiary obstructed justice for several years.
- In another matter, DOJ prison officials at Florence, Colorado, blocked inmate Ramzi Yousef (03911-000/Z/H) from receiving the book (*Defrauding America*) and a letter, from me, as shown by a September 29, 2006, notice of returned correspondence. Again, DOJ personnel are interfering with my investigative reporting activities. It was an effort by me to obtain information from Yousef, based upon my experiences flying Muslim pilgrims throughout the Middle East to the holy cities of Mecca and Medina. This block prevented those efforts.

Additional Information on Obstruction of Justice Culture in DOJ

- As a federal agent for the Federal Aviation Administration, I repeatedly encountered conduct by DOJ personnel blocking me from reporting corrupt and criminal activities related to a series of airline disasters that I discovered as part of my official duties. This is the same culture responsible for preventing the implementation of known preventative measures that would have blocked terrorists from hijacking four airliners on September 11, 2001. I write about this culture in *Unfriendly Skies: 20th & 21st Centuries* and in *Blowback, 9/11, and Cover-Ups*.
- After I left government service, in protest of the corruption that existed, I attempted to report, via federal filings under the federal crime reporting statute¹ and the statute² permitting any citizen to report official misconduct, which initially consisted of the corruption that I had discovered, and later, the corruption that other former federal agents had discovered, who provided me with this information over many years. In every instance, U.S. attorneys of the DOJ filed motions blocking me from reporting the ongoing criminal activities. This obstruction of justice by DOJ personnel constituted crimes against the United States through obstruction of justice and aiding and abetting those perpetrating the crimes.
- In 1986, after I attempted to report additional criminal activities involving federal officials, through a federal filing, under the federal crime reporting statute, in the U.S. district courts at Sacramento, California, DOJ prosecutors (David Levi) charged me with criminal contempt of court and sought to

¹ Title 18 U.S.C. § 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.

² Title 28 U.S.C. § 1361. Action to compel an officer of the United States to perform his duty. The district courts shall have original jurisdiction of any action in the nature of mandamus to compel an officer or employee of the United States or any agency thereof to perform a duty owed to the plaintiff.

imprison me for two years. The basis for the criminal contempt of court charge? In an effort to block me and a group of other former federal agents from reporting the corrupt activities in high government places, federal judges had issued unlawful and unconstitutional orders barring me for the remainder of my life from filing any papers in any federal district or appellate court. The basis for these judicial orders was to prevent me from reporting the federal crimes that I and a group of other federal agents had discovered, and prevent me from using federal defenses against parallel efforts to silence me that used sham lawsuits to strip me of the \$10 million in assets that funded my exposure activities.

Obstruction of Justice is a Standard DOJ Culture

The above information, which I write about in several books, highlights the obstruction of justice culture of key people in the Department of Justice, which I and a group of other former federal agents discovered over a period of many years during our official duties. The present attention on the obstruction of justice tactics by Attorney General Gonzalez, by dismissing U.S. attorneys bringing indictments against corrupt parties linked to the Republicans, is only one part of the obstruction of justice culture in the Department of Justice. More information can be found at www.defraudingamerica.com and in a book by that name.

The immediate issues brought to your attention with this letter are (a) the block by DOJ personnel to the book sent to Mr. Scarpa, which adversely affects his access to information that could help his legal defenses; and (b) the block by DOJ prison officials at Florence.

Secondary, and far more important issues, include the culture in the DOJ, including the cover-up of the murders and other crimes perpetrated by DeVecchio; (b) the false charges and long imprisonment of former FBI Special Agent Richard Taus to silence him; and (c) the culture of obstruction of justice that has existed for decades in the DOJ.

Sincerely,

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