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Arthur Sulzberger, Jr, Chairman

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Ref: Making a record of New York Times reactions to warnings of corruption in government offices, and the dual effect of corruption and cover-ups on events of September 11, 2001.

To Mr. Sulzberger:

You may not be aware of these matters, in which other New York Times was involved, but I now add you to the long list. This letter becomes another record showing charges of hardcore corruption in certain government offices, cover-ups by people holding moral and legal responsibilities to act, and the grave consequences for national security and the people.

My credentials and background<sup>1</sup> are more than adequate to make the charges that I had made in the past and briefly make in this letter to you.

- **The present attention to the threat of surface-to-air missiles.**

In 1995 I brought to your organization's attention the dangers of surface-to-air missiles and the conduct by CIA and FBI personnel during 1995 negotiations in Los Angeles. This conduct insured that surface-to-air missiles would be obtained by terrorist groups in the Middle East. I brought to your organization's attention that 100 missiles were offered to the United States by Afghan warlord Rashid Dostum and that these missiles were rejected. I made reference to letters that I sent to every member of the House and Senate intelligence committees warning of surface-to-air missile attacks and the impending transfer of these rejected missiles to terrorist groups. I urged the recipients to immediately contact me and my CIA source in an attempt to prevent the transfer of these missiles to terrorists. Not a single person responded. Several months later, TWA Flight 800 was downed, as over 200 people saw a missile trail going to the aircraft. A copy of that letter is at [www.defraudingamerica.com/missiles\\_specter\\_oct20.doc](http://www.defraudingamerica.com/missiles_specter_oct20.doc) (or html), and others can be found at that site.

- **Internal problems with the FBI and CIA that subverted national security.**

The dozens of government agents who had provided me with information about corruption blocking actions by government agents against terrorist groups, including the misconduct that halted the investigations into the Jersey City terrorists who the next year bombed the World Trade Center in 1993. This

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<sup>1</sup> Navy patrol plane commander in World War II, international airline captain after the war, one of the first pilots licensed by Japan and one of the first pilots flying for Japan Airlines, qualified in many types of airliner aircraft, the author of numerous books on air safety. He was a government air safety inspector-investigator conducting flights checks and examination of air safety problems with numerous pre-accident reports of major safety problems. While a federal aviation safety agent he was given the assignment to correct the conditions resulting in the worst series of airline crashes in the nation's history.

deep-seated culture isn't being halted by partial government reorganization that protects the guilty. These problems are described at the above Internet site and in the books I have written seeking to inform the public by circumventing the endemic cover-ups in government and the media.

- **Documented corruption within the government's aviation safety offices.**

For many years I brought to your organization information about hardcore corruption in the government's aviation safety offices that I personally discovered as a government air safety agent. The misconduct that I discovered, both as an FAA air safety agent and while acting as an independent prosecutor, showed literal criminal misconduct in the segment of the FAA directly responsible for air safety. This misconduct prevented the federal government from meeting its aviation safety responsibilities, resulting in years of preventable aviation disasters as federal inspectors were prevented from carrying out their air safety duties. Included in the preventable aviation disasters were 40 years of preventable hijackings. This culture of misconduct, made possible by the cover-ups—including by your organization—made possible the conditions that enabled 19 hijackers to seize four airliners on September 11, 2001.

- **Federal lawsuits against members of Congress and several media publications.**

In 1991, seeking to make a record of the corruption responsible for some of the worst tragedies inflicted upon America, I filed lawsuits in federal courts against several members of Congress and several media publications that were aware of my charges, were aware of the corruption, were aware of the continuing tragedies, and who violated their moral and legal responsibilities by covering up. Among the defendants listed was the New York Times. In none of these lawsuits did any defendant deny that I made them aware of the criminal activities. No one denied that they did nothing in regard to the charges. Their only response, seeking to dismiss the lawsuits, was that they were immune from the consequences of their conduct.

This letter adds another record to the conduct that has brought the United States to the present crisis and which enabled the 3,000 deaths to occur on September 11. Just think, none of the people would have jumped from the World Trade Center, or would have suffered so horrible, in the events of 9-11, if only your organization, or any member of Congress, or any of the others who were offered evidence of the corruption, had exercised their moral and legal responsibilities.

Obviously, such misconduct would adversely affect other major national issues other than national security, and some of these issues and the tragedies inflicted upon the people are detailed in my writings.

With the complicity of so many in the events of 9-11, the cover-ups *must* continue. And with the cover-ups there can be no correction of the culture that has brought the United States to the present crisis situation. Worse tragedies are now made possible, just as prior cover-up of the corruption occurred.

Sincerely,

Rodney Stich

cc: Russell T. Lewis, President and Chief Executive Officer