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Ref: Suggestion for an extended article on whistleblowers: Highly decorated war veteran and FBI Special Agent, confined to prison for 20-50 years as obstruction of justice tactic.

To Project Editor:

Your article on whistleblowers in the May-June issue prompted me to write a short letter that could be used under several different categories of public interest in your magazine. Very briefly, here are the highlights, which I can enlarge upon if you show an interest.

- Richard Taus, a Lt. Col in the army, highly decorated Vietnam helicopter pilot, and a FBI Special Agent for ten years, worked under FBI Supervisory Agent Lindley DeVecchio (who was recently indicted for four murders committed before that supervisory agent retired). Taus received considerable publicity years earlier when he adopted in Vietnam a child that had been recently orphaned by the deaths of his parents.
- After Taus became an FBI agent, he discovered several corrupt activities, including the use of a covert CIA operation that was funding the arming of Iraq during the 1980s (during the Reagan-Bush administrations); and other irregularities, including those of his FBI Supervisory Agent, Lindley DeVecchio.
- When Taus' superiors ordered him to cover up for these crimes, he reported the criminal activities to members of Congress. He discovered, as I did while I held a key airline safety position with the government, that members of Congress won't act on serious corruption in high government positions, come hell or high water!
- His report to congress did get results! First, the FBI suddenly charged him with a criminal offense for using his government-provided credit card to put \$9 worth of gas in his personal auto, that he was using on government business. (This charge was made several years after the proper use of the card.)
- After that bogus charge got him out of the FBI office, shortly before election time, pressure was apparently put on a local prosecutor in Brooklyn to charge Taus with improper behavior with boys at an athletic club that Taus had started, with FBI authority, to infiltrate mob ties.
- Taus is now in state prison at Dannemora, New York, serving a 20 to 50 year sentence.
- During the Vietnam War, Taus obtained extraordinary official permission to adopt a Vietnamese orphan. The Vietnam orphan that he rescued and adopted, with considerable fanfare, is now without the guardian that had rescued him.

Such an article would also be timely in lieu of the obstruction of justice tactics in dismissing the eight U.S. attorneys and that involved the Bush administration.

I have written a book about Taus and the FBI supervisory agent that in 2006 was charged with multiple counts of murders perpetrated with New York Mafia Colombo boss Gregory Scarpa, Sr. The book is called *FBI, CIA, the Mob, and Treachery*, and can be obtained from amazon.com.

There are other interesting aspects to this. I obtained most of the material for the book from Richard Taus and the son of the New York Mafia boss: Gregory Scarpa, Jr. Matter of fact, I first learned about the murders perpetrated by the FBI agent from Scarpa in 2002, after I had book contract with him. At that time the murders perpetrated by Boston FBI agents were before a congressional hearing, and I informed the members of the hearing panel that I had insider information and two inside sources to show that the FBI murders were not confined to Boston, but were occurring also in New York. I offered to provide them the names of a former FBI agent and a former Mafiosi.

Incredibly—or rather—as in the past, not a single recipient of that letter responded. Four years later, a Brooklyn district attorney, based partly upon information provided by my sources, filed murder charges against DeVecchio.

For years, starting while I was a key federal safety agent, I encountered the same congressional cover-up, which continued while I was received insider information on other major criminal activities in covert and overt government operations from the many insiders who provided me information. But then, doing nothing appears to be a national tradition when the corruption is of a certain magnitude.

Further information on my background can be found at www.defraudingamerica.com/stich_bio.html.

The only media source that *initially responded* was Ramparts, back in the late 1960s, when they hired Hal Lipset to work with me in delving more into the corruption related to a series of airline disasters. The approach they were taking was more to find out if the CIA was behind efforts to silence me (and that is a story in itself!), rather than address the corruption related to a series of airline disasters that I discovered and documented during my official government duties.

While this information that I have provided in this letter has grave implications, history shows that no one will proceed with it, and I presume that includes Mother Jones. This is one reason why I have written books and appeared on over 3,000 radio and television shows since 1978, in an attempt to inform the public of the extent of the corruption that is a standard culture in government. But then, the public is apathetic unless it directly involves them.

Sincerely,

Rodney Stich