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Inspector General

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Certified letter: 7001 1140 0001 2170 0058

Ref: Comments on a recent investigation by personnel in your office.

To Mr. Fisch,

Information reached me recently indicating that personnel from your office conducted an investigation that I presume arose from letters that I sent to New York State officials. These include (a) the February 1, 2009, letter to New York Governor David Paterson; (b) the February 6, 2009, letter to District Attorney Hynes, asking why he had not reinstated murder charges against FBI supervisor Lindley DeVecchio; and (c) the March 2009, letter to Kings County judge Gustin Reichbach, who as if on cue quickly dropped the murder charges.

The charges in those letters were based on what I, initially as a former federal agent, discovered of very serious corruption in high government positions over a period of many years, and information I received during the past decade from key people in New York associated with major criminal activities.

The issues I briefly raised in those letters involve (a) murders in the New York City area involving an FBI supervisor working secretly with a Mafia capo; (b) the long delay in filing charges by New York prosecutors until media publication required filing of murder charges suggesting protection of high-level personnel in government; (c) the sudden highly irregular dropping of murder charges; and (d) concurrent protection of high FBI-DOJ personnel.

The need to protect key people in the U.S. Department of Justice arose from:

- FBI-DOJ personnel previously withholding information on planned terrorist attacks upon major U.S. targets so as to discredit the mole inside an al Qaeda cell providing the information.
- The success of the forewarned terrorist attacks, which was made possible by withholding the information on the planned terrorist actions.
- The resulting 4,000 deaths.

Despite the gravity of these charges, the only response from New York officials has been personnel from your office contacting a former FBI agent (who worked under FBI supervisor DeVecchio, and became a victim of attempts to cover up for criminal activities). The investigators from your office informed that former FBI agent that the investigation was initiated after a person complained to the New York State Inspector General's office that somewhere in the over 1,000 pages on my internet site, www.defraudingamerica.com, his name and several social security numbers were listed.

There are several "problem" with that excuse for initiating an investigation by the office of the New York State Inspector General office:

- I know of no such names, and no social security numbers, that your investigators claimed they found in the 1,000-plus pages. And if I *had* known such information, there would be absolutely no reason to put that information on a web site intended to expose corruption in government.

- The New York State Inspector General's office, ignoring crimes of major impact, could hardly be expected to go to that length for something that minor. Especially with the high rate of corruption in New York political offices, including Albany, and the years of inactivity by New York officials when it had plenty of information relating to the murders perpetrated by FBI supervisor Lindley DeVecchio and no action was take for years until media publicity forced an *initial* exercise of prosecutorial responsibility.

The facts strongly indicate that the intent of your investigator was either (a) a fishing expedition contacting the former FBI agent who is in prison; (b) or to in some way seek to discourage me from proceeding to expose matters of grave national security impact that involve various officials in the state of New York after my letters threatened to expose this sordid and complex matter.

This letter, and your expected non-response, joins the thousand-plus pages on the Internet site, [www.defraudingamerica.com](http://www.defraudingamerica.com).

Sincerely,

Rodney Stich

Attached:

- February 1, 2009, letter to New York Governor David Paterson.
- February 6, 2009, letter to District Attorney Hynes.
- March 2009, letter to Kings County judge Gustin Reichbach.

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February 1, 2009

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Ref: Combination of issues relating to (a) clemency petition for former FBI Special Agent Richard Taus; (b) sham charges filed against Taus by federal and state prosecutors after he reported corruption of his supervisor, Lindley DeVecchio and illegal funding of Iraq during the 1980s; (c) multiple cover-ups of murders by Taus' FBI Supervisor, DeVecchio; (d) al Qaeda mole providing advance notice of planned terrorist attacks; (e) cover-up of the advance warnings of terrorist attacks to protect high FBI-DOJ officials; (e) and the resulting high death toll from the cover-ups.

To Governor Paterson:

This letter corrects a few minor errors in my prior January 10, 2009, certified letter<sup>1</sup> to you. That letter related to the following intertwined relationships:

- The clemency application for Richard Taus (91A1040), a former FBI special agent under FBI supervisor Lindley DeVecchio. Taus has been incarcerated in state prison at Dannemora, New York on false and exaggerated charges after he attempted to perform his official duties involving reporting criminal activities that he discovered.
- False charges made by against Taus by Nassau County prosecutors shortly after Taus reported corrupt activities by his immediate supervisor, Lindley DeVecchio, and the secret funding by CIA assets in the New York City area, each of which threatened to expose White House politicians, FBI-DOJ officials, and individuals in New York who failed to act on the murders involving DeVecchio and Colombo Mafia capo Gregory Scarpa, Sr.
- The refusal by Brooklyn prosecutors to file murder charges against FBI supervisor Lindley until publicity by private investigators forced charges to be made in 2006 (three years after I provided evidence of this relationship to every member of the House Judiciary Committee, all of whom covered up for the crimes).
- Belated filing of murder charges in 2006 by the Brooklyn district attorney against DeVecchio, years after FBI Special Agent Taus provided this information to state and federal authorities.
- The sudden dropping of murder charges against DeVecchio by the Brooklyn prosecutor and the state judge despite overwhelming evidence of guilt.
- Prior information of planned terrorist attacks from a mole inside the al Qaeda cell headed by Ramzi Yousef that could have caused preventative measures to be put in place that could have prevented the subsequent 4,000 deaths in the carrying out of the forewarned terrorist actions. The unprecedented mole inside the al Qaeda cell was Gregory Scarpa Jr., who has also been the subject of retaliatory action by the same high FBI-DOJ officials that prevented actions taken on the forewarned terrorist attacks.

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<sup>1</sup> Certified 7002 0860 0003 9592 7310.

- Refusal by high FBI-DOJ officials to act on this valuable inside-al Qaeda information. The reason? It was necessary to discredit the mole who was scheduled to testify about the murders involving FBI Supervisor DeVecchio with the mole's father, known as "The Killing Machine."
- The probable consequences of that deception, and failure to take preventative measures against the expected terrorist attacks, was the direct loss of 4,000 lives.
- The felonious obstruction of justice by everyone made aware of these interrelated crimes against the people in the state of New York and the people of the United States..

I am a former federal agent who has been motivated to expose the corruption in certain government offices that was initially responsible for numerous fatal airline disasters, one of which was the crash into Brooklyn of a United Airlines DC-8 on December 16, 1960, which occurred in an area in which I had direct hands-on responsibilities. Since that time I have become the focal point for many other insiders providing me information on other areas of corruption. Among the many sources that have provided to me years of continual insider information have been (a) Richard Taus, a former FBI special agent and highly decorated Vietnam War pilot; and (b) Gregory Scarpa, Jr, a former member of the Colombo Mafia family and son of the Mafia capo who engaged in murders with FBI supervisor Lindley DeVecchio.

Many issues affecting national security and justice are involved here. Among them being the long-delayed prosecution of a key FBI supervisor for murders; the obvious sham dropping of murder charges against DeVecchio; and the self-serving discrediting of the mole inside the al Qaeda organization and the probable resulting 4,000 deaths. You obviously have a responsibility, and that includes contacting me for further information.

The following is a near-duplication of what I wrote in my January 10, 2009, letter to you, with the minor corrections made (being primarily changing the identification of the New York district attorney that filled charges against Taus shortly after Taus reported the corruption that he discovered as part of his official FBI duties:

This letter is for your consideration in support of the request for executive clemency by Richard Taus, who is now incarcerated in the state prison at Dannemora, New York. He has the request pending in your office. I am a former federal agent, airline captain, and navy pilot, who has spent many years uncovering misconduct in government offices, which is a major issue in the charges made against Taus.

I have accumulated considerable information over many years that have helped me understand why the actions were taken to imprison FBI Special Agent Richard Taus. The suspicious sequence of events that were taken against him shows an attempt to obstruct justice that has had very serious effects on national matters, and matters in your area of responsibility. This letter highlights the complex web of intrigue occurring in your New York jurisdiction.

Mr. Taus was a highly decorated Vietnam helicopter pilot who repeatedly risked his life many times under very dangerous conditions to rescue military personnel under intense fire. After leaving military service, Mr. Taus worked in undercover activities for the federal government in Central and South America before becoming an FBI Special Agent in the New York City offices. As an FBI agent, Mr. Taus discovered areas of corrupt activities that his supervisor, Lindley DeVecchio, did not want reported. One area of such illegal activities was a covert CIA operation in the New York City area that involved secret funding and arming of Iraq during the 1980s. He also discovered suspicious activities relating to his immediate supervisor, Lindley DeVecchio. In an earlier book, I wrote about Mr. Taus' activities.<sup>2</sup>

There are disturbing ties between the prosecution of FBI agent Taus by a Nassau prosecutor; the federal appeal filing supposedly representing this former FBI agent by a former Brooklyn prosecutor, and the

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<sup>2</sup> *FBI, CIA, the Mob, and Treachery.*

sudden dropping of murder charges against FBI supervisor Lindley DeVecchio by that same Brooklyn district attorney's office when they should have appealed the judge's decision which found insufficient evidence to convict DeVecchio.

The same DeVecchio, who blocked Taus' investigation into major criminal activities that had international consequences, and who was involved in sham charges against Taus, had been recently charged with complicity in four murders involving citizens in your state of New York.

After DeVecchio blocked Taus from reporting these crimes, Taus reported the corrupt activities—and the cover-ups by DeVecchio, to members of Congress. As I discovered over the years, members of Congress refused to respond to the charges, and passed the information to the very people complicit through cover-ups. FBI-DOJ officials then charged Mr. Taus with misusing—three years earlier—a government credit card, and charged Taus with a crime. His arrest and removal from investigative duties protected CIA and other high government personnel involved in the disastrous funding and arming of Iraq, and the FBI-DOJ officials protecting DeVecchio from the consequences of his murderous conduct.

The misuse of a government-issued credit card was based on Mr. Taus' purchase of less than \$10 in gasoline for his personal auto. Mr. Taus had *legally* used the government-issued credit card to pay for fuel used during an official undercover operation—as he was authorized to do. The use of a credit card charge several years earlier shows the desperate search for an excuse to cover up for high-level misconduct in several government offices.

Having succeeded in temporarily removing Mr. Taus from office, it was necessary to fabricate more serious charges to insure that Taus be incarcerated and blocked from exposing the corruption he had discovered as part of his official duties. The Nassau County district attorney in your state then filed criminal charges against Mr. Taus for allegedly having improper conduct with several teenagers at an athletic club that was set up by the FBI for surveillance purposes.

My understanding is that several, or all, of the parents of the young men that charged Mr. Taus with improper sexual relations were also at risk of being charged with minor illegal offenses by that same prosecutor. If that were correct, it would reflect a common prosecutorial tactic used to obtain false testimony against a targeted person. Mr. Taus may, or may not have had, improper relations with young men. I doubt that occurred. However, consider the following:

- The sequence of events leading up to the charges by the Nassau prosecutor against Taus were highly suspicious. They followed a standard procedure used in government to discredit a person exposing high-level misconduct.
- Mr. Taus had legally adopted a Vietnam orphan while serving in Vietnam, which was highly publicized on TV at the time. *If* Mr. Taus were inclined to have improper sexual conduct with young boys, it would surely have included the Vietnam orphan that he adopted. That boy, now an adult, is David Taus, who lives in your jurisdiction, taking care of Taus' elderly mother, and is available for your office to contact.<sup>3</sup>
- Further suspicion arises from the incredibly long sentence given to Mr. Taus—much longer than given to vicious murders, for what would be—even if true—a relatively minor offense among consenting males. For the sake of argument, *if* Mr. Taus *did have* improper sexual conduct with young men, which I doubt, it certainly didn't justify the outrageously long prison sentence. The only reason that this outrageous sentence was given would be an attempt to protect criminal misconduct and criminal cover-up involving key government officials—including that of his supervisor, Lindley DeVecchio—involved in murders with the infamous “Killing Machine” Mafia capo, Gregory Scarpa, Sr.
- Making matters even worse, that same Brooklyn district attorney office, suddenly, under highly

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<sup>3</sup> David Taus, 3308 Bertha Drive, Baldwin, New York 11510. Phone: 516-223-2811.

suspicious circumstances, recently dropped murder charges against Taus' former FBI supervisor, Lindley DeVecchio. We *now have a case* of prosecutors offices in your area of responsibility, not only protecting DeVecchio and the high FBI-DOJ officials who covered up for DeVecchio's murderous conduct by falsely charging Taus with a crime, again protecting DeVecchio by dropping murder charges against DeVecchio.

It becomes even murkier. DeVecchio, in a position of trust as an FBI supervisor, was charged with participation in four murders with Colombo Mafia capo Gregory Scarpa, Sr. (also known as "The Killing Machine"). There were many people ready to testify against DeVecchio, including two witnesses that were classics to prove a case. One was Linda Schiro, the common law wife of Scarpa Sr., and Scarpa's son, Gregory Scarpa, Jr. Linda Schiro was privy to the many conversations between Scarpa and DeVecchio, which occurred in her presence. After Linda Schiro testified about the murders involving her common-law husband and FBI supervisor DeVecchio, the prosecutor suddenly dropped all charges, basing his actions on a totally flawed excuse and stating that Schiro's testimony was not credible. The cooperating judge in the case then implied that criminal perjury charges should be considered against Linda Schiro, who had courageously appeared to testify at great risk to herself.

Making the dropping of murder charges against DeVecchio even more suspicious, the prosecutor blocked Gregory Scarpa, Jr. from testifying about the murders involving his father and FBI supervisor DeVecchio. It would be difficult to find two witnesses that were more capable of proving the murder charges involving DeVecchio. It would also be difficult to find a prosecutor that repeatedly acted to protect a key FBI official engaging in murders of U.S. citizens.

Following the dropping of charges against DeVecchio, a thorough investigation by an outside investigator reported that the testimony of Linda Schiro was thorough credible. In addition, and for reasons not known by this writer at this time, the prosecutor's office issued a letter praising Gregory Scarpa Jr. Those two written reports justify filing criminal charges against DeVecchio, who was never found innocent. Of course, carrying out that responsibility would expose a sordid and dangerous culture in the U.S. Department of Justice.

We now have a scenario where former FBI agent Richard Taus was suddenly hit with two false charges, that conveniently protected DeVecchio and high FBI-DOJ officials, and then the same prosecutorial office protected DeVecchio by blocking the testimony of two star witnesses and the many others willing to testify. These are crimes against the state, and against selected citizens of the state.

#### **The Scenario Gets Worse: Ties to Terrorism and National Security**

But there is more to this sordid scenario. Gregory Scarpa Jr., at great risk to his family, worked as a mole inside an al Qaeda cell headed by Ramzi Yousef, the person who master minded the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center. Covering a period of many months, Mr. Scarpa obtained valuable information from Ramzi Yousef of several planned major terrorist acts against the United States. These terrorist acts *did* subsequently occur, with the *initial* loss of life into the thousands. Scarpa was promised by FBI personnel that he would be recommended for a reduction in his sentence for his valuable work as an al Qaeda mole. This relationship is detailed in my latest book and referred to in several others.<sup>4</sup>

Mr. Scarpa's reports were highly praised by the FBI personnel who worked with him during the months that Scarpa worked as a mole. But high FBI-DOJ officials refused to act on the reports of the planned terrorist attacks; it was necessary to discredit Mr. Scarpa, who was scheduled to testify in several criminal trials that would have proven that DeVecchio was involved with Scarpa's father in several murders. Everyone involved knew, of course, that by covering up for the planned terrorist attacks would be costly in human life. These attacks *did occur*, and the initial heavy loss of life led to other actions that continue to be even more costly in human life and the security of the United States.

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<sup>4</sup> *Crimes of the FBI-DOJ, and the Mafia.*

Local FBI personnel had promised Mr. Scarpa a reduction in sentence for his dangerous role as a mole in the al Qaeda cell. But high FBI-DOJ officials, recognizing the danger to themselves if Gregory Scarpa Jr. was given a reduction of sentence and released from prison. The same applies to former war hero and FBI agent Richard Taus.

With 40 years of sophisticated airline and other investigative experience, starting as a federal agent investigating such fraud-related matters as the 1960 crash of a United Airlines DC-8 into Brooklyn (that happened in the program for which I had primary safety responsibility), I am fully aware of the sordid culture that exists in some government offices.

I would like to be able to write in subsequent book revisions and on my various Internet sites that finally, someone, such as you, the governor of New York, had the courage to address these outrages. The country is in dire need for a few more people with the character and courage to address these matters.

If you need more information about me, an Internet site<sup>5</sup> provides background information.

The primary issue in this letter is a request to promptly commute the sentence of Mr. Taus, and further, to expunge the conviction from the record. Taus' mother, the wife of a deceased veteran, is in failing health and will not live to see her son released, if you do not act fast.

I have been in continuous contact for several years with Richard Taus and Gregory Scarpa, Jr., and have received hundreds of documents and letters from them. Combined with my many years of investigative work, including as a federal investigator, I am convinced that what is stated in this letter is accurate.

The ramifications of what is stated here are related to the success of prior catastrophic terrorist attacks upon the United States. The continuing culture in key government positions continues to threaten the lives of many people as well as the security of the United States.

The matters stated here are also crimes against the people of the state of New York., as well as federal crimes. It is a criminal offense under various obstruction of justice statutes to fail to take meaningful actions to have these crimes reported to both state and federal authorities—and not to those implicated in the offenses.

I believe the gravity of these matters demand that you impanel a meaningful investigative group to consider not only the plight of Mr. Taus and Mr. Scarpa, the reinstatement of the murder charges against former FBI supervisor Lindley DeVecchio, and actions to prompt a federal investigation into the matters related to the conduct that enabled the prior terrorist attacks to so easily succeed. In addition, the involvement of U.S. Attorney General Michael Mukasey in one segment of the cover-up of these matters requires that any federal investigation be conducted by people outside of that department.

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<sup>5</sup> [www.defraudingamerica.com/stich\\_bio.html](http://www.defraudingamerica.com/stich_bio.html).

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February 6, 2009

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Ref: Refiling murder charges against Lindley DeVecchio

To Mr. Haynes:

I'm in the process of updating one of my books, *Crimes of the FBI-DOJ, and the Mafia*, which delves into the Scarpa Sr. and DeVecchio matters. The purpose of this letter is to obtain your comments on whether you plan to refile murder charges against DeVecchio, and if not, why not. I will include your comments in my Internet site relating to that matter and in the revised edition of the book. This is how I approached the matter:

- The dropping of murder charges against DeVecchio was highly suspect. The dropping of charges was based upon audio tapes produced by one of the two Village Voice reporters who had taped statements made by Linda Schiro ten years earlier, when she was under not legal requirement to be accurate or complete in what she knew, and at a time when she felt her life was in danger if she divulged details of the Scarpa-DeVecchio relationship. Also, those reporters had a loyalty to DeVecchio due to DeVecchio secretly giving confidential FBI information to them that benefitted their standing as reporters.
- The sudden dropping of charges against this key FBI supervisor:
  - Without allowing Schiro the opportunity to explain the difference between the casual statements made ten years earlier and the sworn testimony given in a court of law.
  - Without allowing Gregory Scarpa, Jr., an obvious key witness to testify.
  - Without allowing former FBI Special Agent Richard Taus, a former highly decorated Vietnam War veteran, who worked under DeVecchio and knew of his obstruction of justice tactics, to testify.
  - Ignoring the testimony of other FBI agents and various mob figures.
- Since the dropping of charges against DeVecchio, the special district attorney, Leslie Crocker Snyder, has issued a report upholding the credibility of Linda Schiro. That report supports the testimony that she provided during the trial against DeVecchio.
- The January 24, 2008, letter by the chief of your rackets division, Michael Veechione, praising Gregory Scarpa Jr. for his creditability, further supports the testimony that he would have given about the murders that his father was involved in with Lindley DeVecchio if your office had not blocked his testimony.

I'm a former federal agent who is only too familiar with the various forms of obstruction of justice by high government officials and the harm inflicted upon the people and national security. My first experience with cover-ups and its deadly effect upon New Yorkers related to the crash of a United Airlines DC-8 into Brooklyn on December 16, 1960 (the program for which I was given primary responsibility and which I detail and document in the book, *Unfriendly Skies: 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> Centuries*).

If I were to write a report on the DeVecchio matter, one of the last statements I would make is that you have a responsibility to refile the murder charges against DeVecchio. The reaffirmation of the credibility

of Linda Schiro—and Gregory Scarpa Jr.—demands that the murder charges that should never have been dropped, should be refilled. There has never been a trial on the merits, so the double jeopardy issue does not apply.

I will put this letter on the Internet and in the book revision, along with your response.

Sincerely,

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cc: Governor David Paterson

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Ref: Your position on reinstatement of dismissal of murder charges against defendant Lindley DeVecchio

To Judge Reichbach:

As a private investigator, former federal agent, and activist against corruption in government, I have followed the bizarre dismissal of murder charges against defendant Lindley DeVecchio. I have written a book on matter (Crimes of the FBI-DOJ, and the Mafia), and also have an ongoing Internet site relating to it. I am seeking a response from you, which will be placed on the Internet along with this letter, of why murder charges have not been refilled against DeVecchio.

The sudden and contrary to standard prosecutorial conduct dismissal of the serious murder charges against DeVecchio was based on the contrary-to-fact claim that Linda Schiro's testimony was perjured. She was ever allowed to testify to show this claim was bogus. Now, since an official investigation has found that her testimony was accurate, a grave miscarriage of justice—possible worse—had occurred.

Another official document shows that the expected testimony of Gregory Scarpa Jr., who, as the son of the mobster involved with DeVecchio in multiple murders, was highly creditable.

We now have the situation of a key FBI supervisory misusing his position of high trust to murder individual Americans, and the charges being dropped against him, despite two highly creditable witnesses testifying and willing to testify that DeVecchio was indeed involved in multiple murders. The gravity of this goes far beyond just allowing a brutal murderer to go free.

Since the request to drop murder charges was initiated by DeVecchio's lawyers, there is nothing legal preventing the murder charges being reinstated. Can you explain why this isn't being done?

Sincerely,

Rodney Stich