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Ref: Request for comments on your conduct relating to dropping of murder charges against former FBI supervisor DeVecchio

To Mr. Hynes:

I am preparing revisions to my not-for-profit book, *Crimes of the FBI-DOJ, Mafia, and al Qaeda*, which includes reference to you and your highly suspicious dropping of murder charges against former FBI supervisor Lindley DeVecchio. I would be willing to include your comments in the revision if you care to respond to any of the following issues:

- Considerable evidence existed showing that former FBI supervisor Lindley DeVecchio was guilty of participation in serial murders with Mafia capo Gregory Scarpa, Sr.
- Included in the witnesses that either did testify, or were willing to testify, included the following:
  - Gregory Scarpa, Jr., the son of the Mafia capo. Obviously, he would be one of two primary witnesses whose testimony could prove the involvement of a key FBI supervisor in the serial murders.
  - Mary Schiro, the mistress of Gregory Scarpa Sr., who for many years was present during conversations between Scarpa Sr. and FBI supervisor DeVecchio, and who was repeatedly told about the serial murders involving her lover and FBI supervisor Lindley DeVecchio.
  - Former FBI Special Agent Richard Taus, who worked under DeVecchio, and who was charged with a sham criminal offense by DOJ prosecutors *after* Taus circumvented the cover-up by DeVecchio and reported the serious irregularities to members of Congress. The initial criminal charge against Taus was the alleged misuse of a government issued credit card—four years earlier—in which Taus charged \$8 worth of gasoline that he used during a government-authorized surveillance. That initial charge was then, with the connivance of a Staten Island prosecutor, expanded. That scheme protected DeVecchio, which could otherwise have halted the sequence of events that has had catastrophic consequences for the United States.
  - Other FBI special agents that had the courage and integrity to testify against DeVecchio, only to suffer the standard retaliation.
  - Underworld figures that were ready to testify about the DeVecchio-Scarpa Sr.'s murderous relationship.
  - Evidence far in excess of that necessary against a private citizen that lacked the obstructionist pressure from high-level DOJ personnel.
- Under *extremely irregular circumstances*, your office suddenly dropped murder charges against former FBI supervisor DeVecchio—as if on command from a powerful source in government. The dropping of charges were contrary to prosecutorial procedures and interest of justice.
  - Your sophisticated knowledge and experience in criminal prosecutions supported your pre-trial knowledge that Schiro's sworn testimony relating to the serial murder charges were truthful.

- You used the relatively meaningless matter suddenly provided by a newspaper reporter who produced selected audio tapes from a decade earlier in which Ms Schiro was participating in a joint book project. Her *casual* statements in those selected tapes differed from her *sworn testimony* in the DeVecchio murder trial. That ploy for turning free into society a serial killer ignored several key factors:
  - Her casual statements given a decade earlier to a reporter involved in writing a book occurred while she had fears of being murdered by the same FBI supervisor that had been involved in serial murders with Gregory Scarpa Sr.
  - Private statements made by anyone in a book deal could be expected to be different from testimony given under oath in a murder trial.
- Your refusal to allow Gregory Scarpa, Jr. to testify, despite your previous conviction that his statements about the serial murders involving his father and DeVecchio were truthful.
- That reporter providing the earlier audio tapes owed defendant DeVecchio a debt. DeVecchio repeatedly secretly leaked confidential information to the reporter that was then used to bolster the reporter's value to the newspaper and his own job security. Further, you never questioned that reporter about other tapes that were made, gladly using it to accomplish a purpose!
- The facts surrounding your dropping of murder suggests that you were suddenly subjected to pressure from powerful people in the federal government.

#### **Further Evidence of Obstruction of Justice**

- The fact that you never doubted the truthfulness of Scarpa Jr.'s testimony was shown by the January 24, 2008, letter written by your chief of the rackets division, Michael Vecchione, to U.S. District Judge Edward Korman. That letter praised Gregory Scarpa Jr. for his truthfulness,<sup>1</sup> and yet, you refused to allow him to testify!
- The October 22, 2008, report of retired judge and Special Investigator Leslie Crocker, that stated Ms. Schiro's testimony was truthful. She testified to being present during many of the conversations between Scarpa Sr. and DeVecchio and DeVecchio's involvement in the serial murders.

#### **Raising Additional Suspicions of Misconduct Affecting Major National Issues**

It can be argued that your dropping of murder charges against DeVecchio occurred with the following knowledge:

- Gregory Scarpa Jr. had infiltrated the al Qaeda cell headed by Ramzi Yousef, the mastermind behind the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center, the bombing on a Philippines Airline 747; the planned simultaneously bombing of 11 U.S. airliners departing Far East Locations; and the hijackings of U.S. airliners. Scarpa provided to FBI personnel, on a regular basis for 11 months, al Qaeda plans for terrorist attacks upon U.S. targets, obtaining this information directly from Yousef.
- With Scarpa's help, a fictitious Mafia corporation was set up in New York City, through which Yousef communicated on a regular basis with al Qaeda members in the New York-New Jersey area, and in the Middle East. That fictitious Mafia corporation was staffed by FBI agents that monitored the phone calls made by Yousef to numerous al Qaeda operatives. That information, if used, was of more value than the total of the thousands of personnel in the nation's various intelligence departments regarding al Qaeda's planned attacks against U.S. targets.
- The unprecedented information on planned terrorist attacks that Scarpa obtained from this key al Qaeda operative provided advance knowledge of several major terrorist attacks upon U.S. targets. These

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<sup>1</sup> Portion of that letter: "Scarpa Jr. was open, candid and complete in his information, not only about the matters we were investigating but also about his criminal past. In addition to providing valuable intelligence, Scarpa Jr. was ready, willing and able to testify at the trial of DeVecchio. It is therefore my hope that your honor will take into consideration the content of this letter outlining the cooperative effort of Gregory Scarpa, Jr. in any motion made on his behalf for a reduction in his federal sentence.

included:

- Bringing down a U.S. airliner departing a New York City airport (shortly before TWA Flight 800 was downed).<sup>2</sup>
- The bombings of U.S. embassies in Africa (which was followed by the bombings of U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania).
- The hijackings of four airliners on September 11, 2001.
- Instead of providing this advance information to government departments—and other FBI offices—that could take measures to defeat the terrorist attacks, high-level FBI-DOJ personnel in Washington “deep-sixth” the information that knowingly had a life-or-death consequence.
- The reason for withholding the information on the planned terrorist attacks was to deny credibility to Scarpa. If the information on the planned terrorist attacks had been made known, Scarpa’s credibility would have been recognized along with its immense national interest importance.
- The reason high-level FBI-DOJ personnel had for this scheme was their plans to falsely discredit Scarpa’s credibility at upcoming murder trials, where he would be providing testimony about the serial murders his father committed with the help of FBI supervisor DeVecchio. That testimony would also implicate as accessory before, during, and after the fact, the involving in serial murders and their cover-ups by high-level FBI-DOJ personnel.
- The decision was then made to sacrifice the lives that would be lost to protect themselves. These people are still in key government positions, some have been promoted, and are responsible for protecting the United States against the very same catastrophic events that their conduct enabled to occur.
- Under this scenario, it appears probable that pressure in high government positions affected your decision to drop murder charges against DeVecchio, and in that way prevent the public from learning about these matters.

### **Consequences of Dropping Serial Murders Charges Against a Known Murderer**

The improper dropping of murder charges against a key member of government is a decision that also has serious consequences for the American people and the United States:

- A serial murderer has been allowed to go free into American society, and sets, again, an acceptable standard of conduct in government offices.
- The same high-level FBI-DOJ people, the same groups, the same culture, that aided and abetted the terrorist attacks through corrupt acts, are still in key positions in government, responsible for preventing in the future what they made possible by their prior misconduct. And were rewarded for their crimes.
- This will make possible the increasing severity of the consequences that I have been repeatedly warning, in writings and lawsuits, that would result from the corruption of people in key government positions that are never prosecuted. A sampling of my attempts in writings and in federal lawsuits can be found at [www.defraudingamerica.com](http://www.defraudingamerica.com).

### **Bad as This Is, It is Only A Small Part of the Corruption by Other Enablers to 9/11**

As described in the not-for-profit *Unfriendly Skies: 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> Centuries*, the evidence shows a long list of enablers responsible for many of America’s worst aviation disasters, including the 9/11 hijackings. It is enlightening to see the evidence of FBI-DOJ personnel corruption and how they misused powerful government offices to silence me. The 9/11 tragedies were simply one-day’s events in a long list that will continue to occur as long as people in government and elsewhere lack the integrity and courage to bring to justice the many that made possible such great tragedies—in and out of the aviation sectors.

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<sup>2</sup> As a former key FAA air carrier safety inspector-investigator, it was obvious to me that the NTSB and the FBI covered up for the true cause of that disasters, partly to cover up for their “deep-sixing” of the forewarned information. More details in my book, *Unfriendly Skies: 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> Centuries*. That book also shows the misconduct by FBI-DOJ personnel that enabled to occur several prior airline disasters.

### **Victims Were No Match For This Hoard of Enablers**

People jumping to their deaths from the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001, were no match for this overwhelming number of enablers. Nor were victims of this culture that I, a former government agent, had identified in prior catastrophic events.

You may not remember the United Airlines DC-8 that crashed into Brooklyn on December 16, 1960, but the conditions that made that disaster had links to 9/11, and also to my behavior. As a FAA inspector, I was given the assignment to correct the conditions responsible for that disaster and others that constituted the worst series of preventable and forewarned airline disasters in the nation's history.

As I have been documenting for the past 40 years, starting as a federal agent, every cover-up compounded the number of enablers, and made possible even worst consequences. I describe and document this relationship in my not-for-profit books. Letters at my Internet site, [www.defraudingamerica.com](http://www.defraudingamerica.com), list some of the key people in state and federal government that by their subsequent cover-ups are guilty of accessory-after-the-fact crimes; crimes that will continue to have an adverse impact upon the United States and its people. The cover-ups now include several prominent people in New York offices.

My primary interest in this matter is to make known to the public the areas of corruption and consequences that I discovered initially while a government agent given the assignment to correct the conditions that enabled to occur a continuing series of preventable airline disasters. The dozens of other government agents and insiders that subsequently provided me information about corruption in other areas of government reinforced my determination. The issues in this letter have the potential of finally getting the public to realize the source of many of the nation's human tragedies.

I feel that you, as an individual, attempts to perform your duty when it does not involve high-level corruption in government. I feel you were under pressure to do what you did, though I cannot excuse it, nor the consequences from doing it. If I hear from you, I will consider adding your comments to the revisions.

Sincerely,

Rodney Stich

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- Faxes to select members of Congress, most of whom have covered up for this corruption for years.
- Faxes to certain members of the media, many of who have also kept this information from the public..