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Ref: Insider information relating to corrupt culture in FBI, DOJ and relation to border security.

To Mr. Conyers:

This letter is being sent to you and other members of the House Judiciary Committee to make you aware of a connection between the obstruction of justice aspects associated with the firing of the U.S. attorneys, the retaliation against agents of U.S. Customs, and subverting border security. Although I have documented many examples of the obstruction of justice culture in the FBI and Department of Justice over many years, this letter is limited to the latest retaliation against a former Customs agent, the purpose of which was obviously to halt his exposure of corruption in the U.S. Customs service.

With considerable attention focused on security along the Mexican border, it is obviously very serious when key Customs officials block inspections of suspected drug-carrying vehicles and people sneaking into the United States, and compound this offense by retaliating against those agents who strive to meet their government responsibilities.

It is equally or more serious when FBI and Department of Justice personnel file false criminal charges against a former Customs agent to halt his exposure of corruption of government personnel that facilitates the smuggling of drugs and aliens/terrorists into the United States. It is a fantasy played upon the American public to address means to protect our borders when corrupt Customs personnel and other government personnel block the protective efforts of border agents and retaliate against them for performing their duties.

I'm very well aware of the corruption in certain government offices and the culture of FBI and DOJ personnel in obstructing justice in various ways. I have been recording corruption in the FBI and DOJ for the last 40 years, starting while I was a federal agent seeking to expose the corruption in certain government aviation safety offices. The fallout from that problem has been a series of preventable airline disasters, of which the 9/11 hijackings were simply one-day's consequences. I detail and document these problems in several of my books.¹

But this letter focuses primarily on the actions by San Diego U.S. Attorney Karen Hewitt in filing sham criminal charges against a former agent of U.S. Customs, John Carman. Those sham charges knowingly block Carman's attempts to expose corruption in U.S. Customs that has sabotaged efforts to halt suspected drug shipments into the United States and sabotaged efforts to stop illegal aliens from crossing into the country.

Carman's charges have been recently confirmed to this committee by the testimony of former U.S. Customs agent Darlene Fitzgerald. She discovered similar problems during her official duties as Customs agents. The conditions they describe make meaningless all talk about protecting our borders.

¹ Books include *Unfriendly Skies: 20th & 21st Centuries*; *Blowback, 9/11, and Cover-Ups*; *Defrauding America*; *Drugging America*; *FBI, CIA, the Mob, and Treachery*; *Congress and Other Cesspools*; and others.

Due to the publicity surrounding my activities relating to writing books on corruption in government and over 3,000 appearances on radio and television, dozens of other former government agents and insiders have provided me over the years information and evidence on corruption in other government offices. These sources included agents from the FBI, CIA, ONI, DEA, Customs, INS, Secret Service, FAA, and also former drug smugglers carrying out drug smuggling operations for government agents, and former Mafia figures, knowledgeable about murders perpetrated by FBI agents.

The following matters are an indication of the corrupt culture in the FBI and Department of Justice, and are only a fraction of the material that I and other former government agents have acquired. In light of the obstruction-of-justice firing of some of the U.S. attorneys, and the sudden obstruction-of-justice actions taken by the replacement U.S. attorney in San Diego against former Customs agent Carman, this committee should pay meaningful attention to these matters.

- Murders perpetrated by FBI agents and cover-up of these crimes by officials in the FBI and other Justice Department offices. You already know about this matter. I contacted every member of the House and Senate judiciary committees in 2002, informing them of murders perpetrated by an FBI supervisory agent in the New York offices, Lindley DeVecchio. (At this time, hearings were being held on the murders perpetrated by two FBI agents in the Boson office). I stated that I had inside information provided to me by (a) a former FBI agent who worked under DeVecchio, and (b) from the son of Mafia boss Gregory Scarpa, who for years secretly worked with DeVecchio in murders and other crimes. I had a book contract with the son and he provided me this information (until DOJ prison officials stopped the son from providing me additional information). Not a single member of either committee responded, reflecting the pattern of cover-ups that I encountered for years, starting when I was a federal agent in the most crash-prone area of the federal government. These matters are detailed in my book, *FBI, CIA, the Mob, and Treachery*.
- Sampling of government agents who suffered retaliation from DOJ personnel that knowingly blocked the reporting and exposure of criminal activities in key government positions that they had discovered as part of their official duties.
 1. Richard Taus, Lt. Col. in the U.S. Army, highly decorated Vietnam helicopter pilot and war veteran, and veteran FBI Special Agent. Taus worked under FBI Supervisory Agent Lindley DeVecchio. As part of his official duties, he discovered the role of CIA assets in carrying out the secret funding and arming Iraq during the 1980s (the ripple effects of which we are now experiencing). Taus also discovered the criminal involvement between DeVecchio with Colombo Mafia boss Gregory Scarpa. His FBI superiors told him to cover up for what he found. Taus then reported the criminal activities to members of Congress, who, as usual, did nothing. FBI and other DOJ officials then charged Taus with a sham criminal charge to get him out of the office, and then had other false charges made by a local prosecutor. Taus is now in prison in New York, where he will probably die if help does not arrive.
 1. John Carman, former U.S. Customs agent. He discovered corruption of certain Customs officials, which included allowing suspected drug shipments to bypass inspections, and suspected aliens to enter the United States. After leaving government, Carman placed a web page on the Internet that detailed the corruption in U.S. Customs (www.customscorruption.com). To silence him, San Diego U.S. Attorney Karen Hewitt filed false charges against Carman. Carman is now being held in the San Diego MCC and denied bail, an obvious attempt to silence him. Carman is one of many former government agents imprisoned to prevent the public from learning about the corruption in key government positions.
 2. Darlene Fitzgerald, former U.S. Customs inspector, who discovered during her official duties similar corruption in U.S. Customs along the Mexican border.
 3. Mary Diefendorfer, former Principal Operations Inspector in the FAA for an airline that had a major disaster due to maintenance problems. She was forced to quite because of pressure upon her for reporting these matters prior to the crash. There are many others like her in the government's

aviation safety offices.

4. Myself, Rodney Stich. I discovered and documented the culture of corruption responsible for the conditions that caused a number of specific airline disasters to occur. Encountering the standard cover-up in government, I utilized the law in such a manner that I acted similar to an independent prosecutor. During four months of hearings, I brought into the hearing record testimony and evidence of corruption responsible for some of the nation's worst airline disasters.

Seeking to force an investigation of the evidence that I had accumulated, I sought to report the federal crimes related to a series of airline disasters to a federal judge under the authority of the federal crime reporting statute, Title 18 U.S.C. § 4. Without going into the details. Sacramento U.S. Attorney David Levi charged me with criminal contempt of court for filing the papers, and then argued to the magistrate that I was a flight risk so as to deny me bail and prevent me from exposing the corruption and the DOJ obstruction of justice. At the age of 67, I was sent to federal prison for six months. While in prison, the same federal judges who participated in this obstruction of justice, unlawfully and unconstitutionally rendered orders seizing and liquidating the \$10 million in real estate assets that funded my attempts to expose the corruption. It is significant that the same problems in the government's aviation safety offices that were responsible for terrorists hijacking four airliners on 9/11 were among the problems that I sought to report.

There are many more examples of corruption, cover-ups, and retaliation against government agents given in my various books.

In summary, many dedicated government agents had discovered and sought to report corrupt and subversive activities in various government operations that have had catastrophic ripple effects upon the nation and upon many people. These government agents suffered retaliation by people in control of the FBI and Department of Justice. A small fraction of the tragic consequences included:

- Series of preventable airline disasters and the deaths of thousands of people over the years arising from the arrogance and corruption in the government's aviation safety offices. The 9/11 hijackings were, simply, one-day's consequences in a four-decade-long history of corruption.
- Massive amounts of drugs smuggled into the United States, with the accompanying crime and murders. The internal corruption in key government offices, starting in Customs, INS, and DEA, subverts any meaningful addressing of the border security problems.
- Endemic corruption in the federal courts, and especially in the bankruptcy courts.
- Numerous corrupt activities by people associated with the CIA that have inflicted great harm upon national interests.
- And a host of other corrupt activities that have resulted in deaths and tragic blowback results.

All of this has been brought to your attention over the years. But as long as media people continue their cover-ups of these matters, and as long as members of the public continue their pathetic state of denial, the many people complicit in these matters will continue to escape punishment. As with prior letters, this letter is being placed on the Internet. Possibly readers will ask you why you continued to do nothing about these serious charges from former government insiders.

Sincerely,

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