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Ms. Janet Reno
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Dear Attorney General Reno:

If the commission the Washington Post reports you have investigating the charges against the FBI Lab by Lab SA Frederick Whitehurst limits itself to the FBI in its inquiry, it will end as virtually all other such inquiries have ended, in as much of a whitewash and cover-up as the FBI can hope for and has a record of seeking and getting.

If that commission is to intend other than a whitewash, it must seek information from outside the FBI, particularly from those of us who have had personal experience with the FBI and its Lab as in my case I have in quite a few FOIA lawsuits.

In one of these lawsuits when I had been faced by FBI overt lies, I decided to make myself subject to the penalties of perjury to attest that an FBI Lab agent was a perjurer in that lawsuit. The Department response, if you'll pardon the word "response," was that I could make such allegations ad infinitum because I knew more about that subject matter than anyone then working for the FBI. In subsequent FOIA litigation, again under oath myself, I repeated^a alleged perjury by the FBI. I was never refuted and never charged myself.

I am 82 years old, my health is impaired and I am limited in what I can do, and all travel presents a hazard to me but I am willing to be interviewed here, on video if desired, and again subject to the penalties of perjury if I am not truthful. I would then provide FBI pictures of the FBI's faking of pictures, by its Lab, and FBI Lab pictures of the FBI's faking of evidence, knowing full well that it was faking.

I can provide proof of the FBI Lab's destruction of evidence and of its lying about evidence when those agents were testifying under oath.

There is more but this should be enough to inform you of what is more than possible - is absolutely certain.

To give you an insight into this, I report that the accreditation given me by your Department, as the FBI's counsel, was in the first suit filed after FOIA was amended in 1974. That suit was CA 75-226 in the federal district court for the District of Columbia. The legislative history of that amending is specific in reflecting that a cause of amending the investigatory files exemption was FBI mendacity in a similar lawsuit I had filed years earlier. And it was Senator Edward M. Kennedy who saw to it that the legislative history is clear on this.

The subject matter of that litigation and field of my primary experience ^{TJE}

is the official investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy. I have the same expertise in the King assassination and in that investigation the FBI committed the same offenses, only not so extensively.

If you want to satisfy yourself easily and rapidly about the FBI's intent, I refer you to the special report ordered of it by President Lyndon Johnson the night of the assassination. That FBI report was of five volumes. The fifth is on Jack Ruby. The first is the text of the JFK assassination report. You will find that in its supposedly definitive report on that assassination the FBI makes only two very brief references to the assassination itself. In the FBI's supposedly definitive report on that crime that turned this country and the world around and is the lingering cause of mistrust of government, the FBI deliberately failed to account for all the known shooting and does not even state the cause of death!

And that when a President was assassinated!

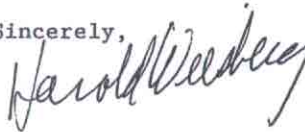
That report was given to the Warren Commission on December 9, 1963. It is identified in the Commission's records as CD1. The FBI's records I have reflect its leaking of the contents of that report when there were no copies outside its possession and that it even blamed the Department for its own leaking. The Warren Commission records I have and have published in facsimile (I have also published some of the FBI's own records I refer to above) are clear in that Commission's understanding that the FBI report, CD1, was designed to get the Commission to "fold our tent" before it began any work and say the FBI had said all there was to be said and that was the end of it.

Some of what I refer to above, including several of those photographs, are in my current book, NEVER AGAIN!, in the sense that nothing like that should happen to us ever again. That book begins stating a de facto conspiracy not to investigate the crime itself. It was entered into as soon as it was known that with Oswald's death there would be no trial. I have the official documentation of that which the publisher did not publish and will be glad to provide it if desired.

I am the only one writing on the assassinations who eschews all theories and whose books are limited to the official evidence itself.

I am not anti-FBI and never have been. But I believe, as Whitehurst seems to, that it needs cleaning up. That cannot be done unless the effort begins with a full and entirely open investigation of the Whitehurst allegations and I am prepared to under oath provide confirmation of just about all he alleges.

Sincerely,



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Dear Jeff,

quite
I am, of course, quite prepared to state all of this under oath and more and to document it, with FBI records disclosed ~~xxxx~~ to me and with what I do not mention, our deposing of Lab agents.

Mostly such letters do not reach their addressees.

Not even when sent certified, addressee only.

So, if you think there can be a story in this, ask Reno's office how she will respond, if she will respond.

any such call might do a bit to discourage another whitewash of the FBI.


It has been many years so Carl Stern may not remember me from when he was with NBC News.

But then he did ask me to go downtown and speak to its house counsel on FOIA, which he wanted to use. Late 1960s as I now recall.

I did and later, when the Act was amended, Carl filed the suit that led to the exposure of the FBI's Cintelproing.

I do not believe that Reno's commission will want what I offer but if it does and if it is as I suggest, open, there is adequate space available locally either from the local governments or at Ford College, which I believe would be willing to make it available.

Best,



Harold Weisberg

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The record is that such letters do not get to their addressees.

Maybe you or ~~Del~~ Alcorn can get some media friends to phone ^{Leno} and ask what she thinks of how she will respond. *or ask Carl Stern who may remember me.*

That at least should get ^{it} to her and if it did not get there on its own,

b) tell her that what should reach her does not always do that.

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