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HAND DELIVERY

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Re: S/A Robert G. Wright, Jr.

Dear Mr. Kneir:

I am writing at the request and on behalf of my client, Special Agent Robert G. Wright, Jr. Please consider this to be the seven day notice required by Bureau policy prior to any public comment by an Agent relating to his duties, responsibilities or the administration of the FBI.

Please be advised that eight days after the date of this letter, S/A Wright intends publicly to comment on matters that he originally brought to the attention of a prior Chicago SAC in March, and again in June, 2001. At that time, my client expressed his serious concern that FBI management was failing seriously to investigate Middle East terrorists residing in the United States and the intentional obstruction by the FBI bureaucracy of his efforts to identify and neutralize known and suspected terrorists and terrorist organizations.

Approximately one year later, on March 8, 2002, Agent Wright voluntarily met with you and ASAC Patrick Daley to forewarn the FBI about an article which was scheduled to appear in the *The New York Times* on or about March 11, 2002. During the meeting, Agent Wright provided you with copies of material provided to *The New York Times* and again outlined his concerns regarding FBI management failures in the terrorism arena.

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The FBI has failed seriously to address Agent Wright's work-related concerns regarding the FBI's terrorism responsibilities. In fact, we believe there has been a concerted effort by the FBI to discredit Agent Wright and minimize his concerns regarding the FBI's failures in connection with international terrorism matters prior to September 11, 2001. In part, this effort includes providing false and misleading information to *The New York Times* regarding Agent Wright and his Vulgar Betrayal investigation. Even more disturbing is the fact that the FBI has prevented Agent Wright and Special Agent John Vincent from providing written responses to *The New York Times* to counter that false and misleading information.

Agent Wright has also filed two complaints with the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) in an attempt to have his concerns addressed. Recently, I spoke with the DOJ employee assigned to investigate the complaint filed on November 5, 2001, which complained of the FBI's dereliction of duty in the terrorism arena. To our astonishment, the DOJ employee advised that, although the allegations were extremely serious, the Inspector General's Office did not have the resources to conduct an investigation of this anticipated size and scope.

In addition, Agent Wright intends to read publicly his June 9, 2002 mission statement which was approved on February 5, 2002, by the FBI's Office of Public and Congressional Affairs Office. He will not, however, discuss any ongoing civil and/or criminal investigations. In light of the current public and U.S. Congressional interest in the intelligence communities and their failure to prevent the attacks of September 11, we believe the value of Agent Wright's speech concerning his firsthand knowledge of FBI management dereliction in the terrorism arena outweigh the interest of the FBI and is therefore protected speech under the First Amendment.

Accordingly, unless valid reasons for his not doing so are presented by the Bureau, S/A Wright will publicly speak on the above subjects.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Robert G. Wright