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From: FBIHQ Ombudsman
To: ROBERT WRIGHT
Date: Thu, Feb 20, 2003 1:19 PM
Subject: Re: Muslim Agent

Bob,

This is the e-mail I'd like to send to the Director and Deputy Director. I opted not to forward yours and put it in more of a note format from me to them. Before I push the button to send it, can you take a look at it and see if it's okay with you?

Thanks

e-mail:

SA Robert Wright, Chicago Division, has contacted me about the ABC News coverage of the Muslim agent controversy. I've spoken with him at length, as well as two other individuals who were witness to the initial incident. They all are steadfast and consistent in their depiction of the event, and they all dispute the FBI's responses to the media on this matter.

SA Wright advised me today that he has learned that the FBI recently backed off of the initial position that the Muslim agent was never asked to meet with the terror suspect in a Mosque and has now represented to ABC News that the Muslim agent did not meet with and record the meeting because the subject was represented by an attorney. SA Wright said that the problem with this is that the subject was making contact with the Muslim agent to discuss FBI Chicago's investigation of him and his business. He stated it doesn't matter if the subject was represented by an attorney, because he initiated the contact with the Muslim agent to request the meeting.

SA Wright also stated that this is not going to go away and that ABC News is committed to running with this story. He has learned that both Katie Couric and Lisa Myers of NBC News, as well as someone at FOX News, are now making inquiries into the Muslim agent situation as well. He feels this needs to be addressed before it gets out of hand. He has told his SAC that if the misrepresentations continue, he will participate with _____ in a press conference to expose this and to continue to bring attention to the FBI's failure to act on the Muslim agent's dereliction of duty.

#5 SA Wright is willing to work through me on this or to talk to either of you directly. My sense is that he is sincere in his desire to give FBIHQ an opportunity to uphold the integrity of the FBI through an accurate portrayal of the events.

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On 2/19/03, I learned from ABC News that FBIHQ has admitted the Muslim agent was never asked to meet with the terror subject in a Mosque. Unfortunately, the new lie told to ABC News was the Muslim agent did not meet with and record the meeting because the subject was represented by an attorney. The problem with this excuse/lie is the subject was making contact with the Muslim agent to discuss FBI Chicago's investigation of him and his business. It doesn't matter if he was represented by an attorney, he initiated the contact with the Muslim agent to request the meeting. I think someone at FBIHQ needs training in criminal law. This is not going to go away. ABC News is committed to running with this story

Also, on 2/20/03, I learned both Katie Couric and Lisa Myers of NBC News and someone at FOX News are now making inquiries into the Muslim agent situation.

I am telling you this because it needs to be addressed before it gets out of hand. Like I told the SAC in Chicago, if the lies continue from FBIHQ, I will participate with _____ in a press conference to expose these lies and continued ignoring of the Muslim agents dereliction of duty by

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