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**VIA HAND DELIVERY
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Re: Special Agent Robert Wright

Dear Mr. Kneir:

I am writing so as to call to your attention an unfortunate event of which I am certain you are unaware.

Last week I received a telephone call from an individual named James Crogan, who is a reporter for a West Coast Weekly Newspaper. Mr. Crogan has written extensively concerning the Oklahoma City Federal Building Bombing in 1995. That was not the purpose of his call, however. Apparently Mr. Crogan was aware that I am representing Special Agent Robert Wright and he was seeking an interview of my client.

I informed the reporter that Special Agent Wright would be unavailable for any interviews in the foreseeable future. Mr. Crogan then informed me that he had telephonically discussed Special Agent Wright and his complaints with a Special Agent Ross Rice, who identified himself as an FBI spokesperson. The discussion was apparently quite lengthy and involved, with quite explicit details. Thus, according to Mr. Crogan, Special Agent Rice furnished, in substance, the following information:

1) He said that Special Agent Wright had been involved in ten internal affairs investigations, thus indicating that my client had a poor record as an agent. Not only is that not true, but such a discussion of Internal Affairs investigations constitutes a violation of the Privacy Act.

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2) He said that there were a number of agents in Special Agent Wright's squad who could provide adverse information about him. When the reporter asked to interview those agents, Special Agent Rice said that he would recommend that interviews be permitted.

3) He said that Special Agent Wright is currently under investigation, that the investigation has been completed and they were awaiting a decision. I was surprised and dismayed by that information. Special Agent Wright requested that the Bureau update my clearance so that I will be able to attend his interview by OPR. So far, I have not been contacted. Moreover, any discussion of a pending OPR investigation seems extremely inappropriate.

4) Special Agent Rice informed the reporter that Special Agent Wright is not to be believed; that he (Wright) is misguided, and unless he is stopped many issues will come up.

In that connection, the reporter was invited to check Special Agent Wright's Website that he maintains in the operation of a side business. Even the reporter was surprised at that suggestion. He felt that the only reason would be further to denigrate Special Agent Wright's credibility. As you know, Special Agent Wright asked for and received permission to operate the side business. In addition, as required by the Bureau, he has never made any references to his position as a Special Agent with regard to his sales. Now, as a consequence of Special Agent Rices's comments, that connection has been made public.

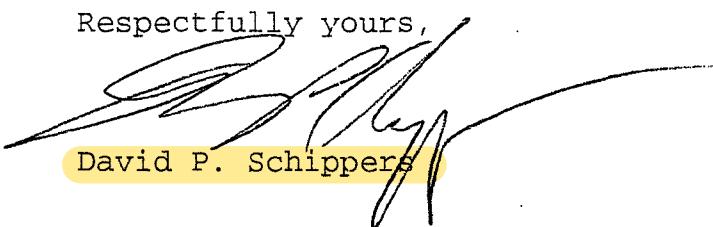
5) Finally, the Reporter was told that it was not the FBI, but the office of the United States Attorney in Chicago that caused the criminal and civil cases against Mohammed Salah to be closed, because Special Agent Wright had not produced sufficient evidence to support any changes.

The foregoing are merely the highlights of a far ranging interview. I asked Mr. Crogan if the discussion had been off the record, and he assured me that it had not. Furthermore, he told me that essentially the same information, if not more, had been furnished to a reporter for the Chicago Tribune.

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I am certain that such *ad hominem* attack was completely without your knowledge or approval. On behalf of Special Agent Wright and at his specific direction, I respectfully request that you take steps to investigate Agent Rice's improprieties and insure that this will not be repeated.

Respectfully yours,



David P. Schippers

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cc: Special Agent Robert Wright