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Subject: The O'Reilly Factor

Mr. Kneir,

Since last Thursday I have declined interview requests by ten national news networks, magazines and papers regarding the Muslim agent situation ~~since last Thursday~~. However, after several discussions with my attorneys over the weekend, I have agreed to appear on the O'Reilly Factor this Tuesday (3/4). I want you to know I would never appear on any show without having good reasons for making the appearance. I want you to know I have agreed to appear for the following reasons:

1. I not only credit O'Reilly with Al-Arian's arrest, he better than the others somewhat understands, because of his pursuit of Al-Arian, what I have been going through since 1999.  
(NOTE: Although ABC News is continuing to pursue the story and has been promised the exclusive story since breaking it in December, they understand and agree with my decision to appear with O'Reilly.)
2. I want those at FBIHQ who failed to act upon the Muslim agents dereliction of duty in the past identified and held accountable.
3. I want those at FBIHQ who are responsible for promoting and transferring the Muslim agent to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia identified and held accountable.
4. I want those responsible for issuing the lie about the Muslim agent being asked to conduct the recording in a Mosque identified and held accountable.
5. Unfortunately, I have no faith FBIHQ would willingly pursue these issues on its own. Therefore, both O'Reilly and ABC News are contacting members of the Senate and House Judiciary Committees to request an investigation into this matter.

The talking points which may be discussed include the following:

1. The FBI's lack of support for Vulgar Betrayal and Al-Arian.
2. FBIHQ's attempt to close the VB case only three months after the successful \$1.4 seizure.
3. Muslim Agent being contacted by the XYZ Co. & request to meet with one of its executives to discuss VB investigation.
4. The FBI agent assigned to investigate the XYZ Co. in April 1998, who placed an 8 x 10 mirror on his desk, claiming he didn't believe in the VB case and had no intention of conducting any work on the case. He stated many times he was utilizing the mirror to know when FBI management was coming so he could pretend to be working.

In April 1999, this same agent failed to produce any work product when being questioned by former AUSA Mark Flessner. All three AUSA's assigned to the case had to insist this agent be removed from the VB case and replaced with an agent who would perform his duties.

5. FBIHQ's issuing of a false and misleading statement about the Muslim agent being asked to conduct the recording in a

Mosque. Then nine weeks later, finally admit the Muslim agent was never asked to meet with and record the meeting in a Mosque.

As I have told you in the past, I have absolutely no problems or issues with you or any of the ASAC's in the Chicago Division. The focus of my concerns is with FBIHQ and the past management of the Chicago Division. I have discussed the fact I have no issues or complaints regarding the current front office of the Chicago Division with O'Reilly's producer, ABC News and all the others who have contacted me.

Bob Wright

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