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>I do not mean to intrude on anyone's time or place, but as an FBI >whistleblower, I do want to share this with you all. >Having a background in Psychology, I understand what it is like to be >"conflicted", so I want to share this with you, and please let me know your >take:

>An open letter to W. Mark Felt :

Dear Mr. Felt,

You did the right thing in protecting the FBI from obstruction of >justice by the White House. You did the right thing by bringing criminal >behavior to light. All FBI Agents take an oath to protect and uphold the >Constitution of the United States, and you did just that, for which I >salute you.

> #2 Most FBI whistleblowers, in their desperate struggle to bring
>the truth to light, have taken their concerns and regards through the chain
>of command, right up to the top (I know I did). Usually what happens is
>that the FBI whistleblower suffers retaliation and reprisal which
>eventually leads to termination. This has been a consistent policy for FBI
>management: to distort, deny and destroy their whistleblowers. The trials
>and travails of FBI whistleblowers are public and consistently the same,
>and they carry names like Fred Whitehurst, Coleen Rowley, Sibel Edmonds,
>Mike German, Jane Turner, Robert Wright, Manny Johnson, and so on.

>#3 Each and every FBI Whistleblower has had to suffer tremendous 
>sacrifices and terrible financial pain. They have also had to suffer the 
>separation from their beloved FBI family. It has been long known, since J. 
>Edgar Hoover, that a FBI Agent must never embarrass the Bureau. That 
>mantra covers FBI whistleblowers.

>#4 You, Mr. Felt, as a second in command FBI administrator, had the >ability and position to make the choices you did, and do it in private. I >wonder if those "hundreds of FBI colleagues" would have appeared outside >a courthouse when you were arraigned in 1978, if they knew you had been a >whistleblower?

Jestes Jebo

And that, Mr. Felt, is why I am conflicted about your role as a FBI whistleblower. You could have made a difference for any and all FBI whistleblowers that came after you. You had the ability and the position to change the insular culture of the FBI and the self imposed mantra of never embarrassing the Bureau. You could have stood on your oath of office, and taken the high moral ground, as we have, and suffered the consequences. Instead, your desire to remain inside the FBI "family" was stronger than your desire to make the FBI a better place.



>#2 By hiding, and remaining silent when other FBI agents were vilified >and retaliated against when they blew the whistle, you allowed the system >to continue with business as usual. Where were you when Fred Whitehurst >was being destroyed both inside and outside (the current and retired agents >associations) the FBI ?

> #3 By remaining silent, you received a substantial government pension, >you were able to attend numerous local, regional and national retired agent >FBI reunions (where FBI whistleblowers were demonized). You received >accolades and commendations, monetary awards and the recognition of your >peers. You had the status and all the colleageality that the FBI can give. > You got to keep it all.

>#4 However, by hiding in the shadows, and deliberately denying your >whistleblowing role, you continued the FBI tradition of viewing FBI >whistleblowers as "criminal", unsavory, unstable or non team players. For >whatever personal reasons, you did the right thing by keeping the Bureau >from being used in a political manner, and keeping the White House from >obstructing justice.

>#5 You also, Mr. Felt, did a great disservice for those FBI
>whistleblowers who followed you. That which you feared the most, you also
>allowed to remain in place. That which you so treasured, remaining part of
>the FBI family, is the first thing that those FBI whistleblowers who
>followed you lost.

#6 Unlike you, having managed to keep it all, other FBI whistleblowers
know what it is like to lose it all. That is why I am conflicted, Mr. Felt.
You did the right thing, but by trying to hide your role as an FBI
whistleblower, I fear you did it for the wrong reasons. You stated you
were afraid of being called a "criminal", but I guess you had no fear of
being called a coward.

> #7 Your life is your message, Mr. Felt, and you have written yours. I > and other FBI whistleblowers, have written a different ending to our > message. We were willing to pay the high price our whistleblowing > activities cost, in order to uphold our oath of office, and protect and > defend the Constitution of the United States. You had the ability and the > position to make it better for those that followed you, who also wanted to > do the right thing. For some reason, your concern was not with those who > would follow you, but only for yourself. You stood by when other FBI > whistleblowers were demonized, constructively discharged, and destroyed. > You, Mr. Felt, were both a saint and a sinner.

Sincerely, A Fellow FBI Whistleblower