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EXHIBIT A

2/5/2001

Don,

I have written to the editor of INSIGHT magazine to request a copy of the Wackenhut letter, and the taped telephone conversation transcript. The Wackenhut letter makes reference to DR. HARRY FAIR describing me as a potential national resource because of certain of my technical abilities. DR. Fair is the former head of tactical technology research for DARPA. At the time DR Fair made this characterization of me, he was in this position. This is a very strong statement for a govt. agency department head to go on record with. It is also significant that the govt prevented this type of information from being in front of the jury in my case! The motion in limine filed by the govt, and granted by the judge, contains some of the most bizarre legal reasoning I have ever encountered. The taped conversation was a telephone call I had with an FBI agent to make a pretrial proffer.

One of the significant things about my pretrial proffer is that every single detail of it turned out to be true. The only fault in its accuracy is that my proffer was an understatement. Even as such, the US attorney in charge of drug prosecutions stated that my pretrial proffer was "a lot of garbage and delusional"! The US attorney in charge of drug prosecution actually testified at my trial, so these remarks are part of the actual trial record. My detailed and specific proffer was given almost five years prior to some of the parties I named were indicted on the same charges I outlined in my proffer.

The material contained in my pretrial proffer (The Abell/Cali Carter connection), had it been acted on in a timely manner by the govt., would have led to the interdiction of over 200 tons of cocaine. Most of the bad acts charged in the indictment against Abell et al occurred a significant time after my original proffer. A question that needs to be

addressed is the legality of the US attorney interfering with my proffer.

To facilitate my pretrial proffer I did the following:

- ① I had Ted Kunderson as an investigator to help independently corroborate key points of my proffer.
- ② I had Alan Boyak, an attorney and former DEA agent, prepare the pretrial proffer. Alan also had direct knowledge of some of the key points in my proffer because he had worked cases against some of the targets when he was a DEA agent.
- ③ The head of the intelligence unit of the Tampa Bay Fla Police Dept offered to be the intermediary for the deal.

The govt reacted to my proffer by:

- ① Threatening Ted with arrest and banning him from visiting me in the county jail before and during my trial.
- ② Refusing to allow Alan Boyak to attend any of the pretrial proffer meetings with my other attorneys.
- ③ Formally demanding that the Tampa Bay P.D. refrain from interfering with a case outside of their jurisdiction.
- ④ Filed a motion with the court for 4141 and 4142 competency hearings. This govt. motion questioning my competency was based in part on the govt's stated position that my proffer was delusional.
- ⑤ The AUSA prosecuting my case flew to Los Angeles from Seattle and presented Robert Booth Nichols with a copy of my pretrial proffer where I had named Nichols and his associates as targets.

I would have been declared incompetent had not the series of articles appeared in the SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE outlining the biowarfare projects at the Wackenhut/Catayon joint venture. My claim to have been involved in biowarfare work was cited by the govt, in the motion for the competency hearing. These articles clearly documented my claim

Concerning the Stowaway work. When the forensic evaluation was sent to the court, it established that "... some of my most unlikely sounding claims turned out to be true upon checking with collateral sources. The govt response was that so what if it is true, it is not relevant to their case in chief which is a drug case.

My proffer was never reconsidered by the govt after the determination of my competency. The fact of the matter is that I have a solid established record of reliability in the counter-intelligence field. This is clearly documented in my Central file. The US Attorney handling my proffer certainly had this information available to him at the time. The glaring question is why did the AUSA reveal the details of my proffer to potential targets!?

As I have stated to you in past letters and telephone calls, I have been attempting to proffer against Nichols and his crew. The DOJ/DOE has consistently interfered with all of my attempts in this proffer. I have stated that I need you to facilitate my communication with other parties that have direct knowledge against Nichols et al.

Things have now come to a head! I now have contact with an operative that is in an Arab group known as The Base. They are presently engaged in preparations for a major attack in the US. [REDACTED] currently represents the Abukhwan brothers. Two of the brothers are incarcerated in the US. The third is a fugitive facing 15 years jail time in the US. We have an insider to this group that handles false ID and passports for the group's operations. I also have contact with one of the parties that supplies explosives materials to this group. I am deliberately keeping myself with a paucity of specific details until the govt issues an immunity agreement with my contacts. If the govt will not issue the immunity agreement, no more details of these ongoing activities will be forthcoming from

anybody. [REDACTED]

leadership (Sudanese People's Liberation Army) of [REDACTED]

(2) Thirty-four days before the two US Embassy bombings in East Africa happened, I notified the FBI in Miami. Two days before these bombings occurred, I made an emergency request of BOP staff at FCI Coleman to make an overseas telephone call to ECOMAG security headquarters to warn African officials. The BOP categorically turned me down on this call. I have the documentation on all of this. (3) In the 1980's Ted Gunderson, myself, and Ralph Abgary were involved in negotiations with the Afghan mujahadeen on behalf of the US govt. Ted will verify that we had these meetings and that Osama BIN LAZEN was present in the US under the name of TIM OSMAN. Mr. Osman was taken to special demonstrations at US military base.

(4) I have an exemplary track record in the counter intelligence field.

Mr. [REDACTED] is flying out to visit me this week. This letter is my authorization for you to discuss the details of all my written and oral communications with him. The Abuburyan brothers are writing similar letters to their attorneys. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] to authorizing them to speak to both you and [REDACTED] on this matter. This authorization will also include your access to documents.

As soon as we learned that an actual attack was in the works we realized we can't fool around with this. On the other hand we don't want to get screwed by the govt.

Mike Riconosciuto

P.S. Somebody just got certiorari on the PLRA exhaustion of administrative remedy requirements. Notice on this enclosed.

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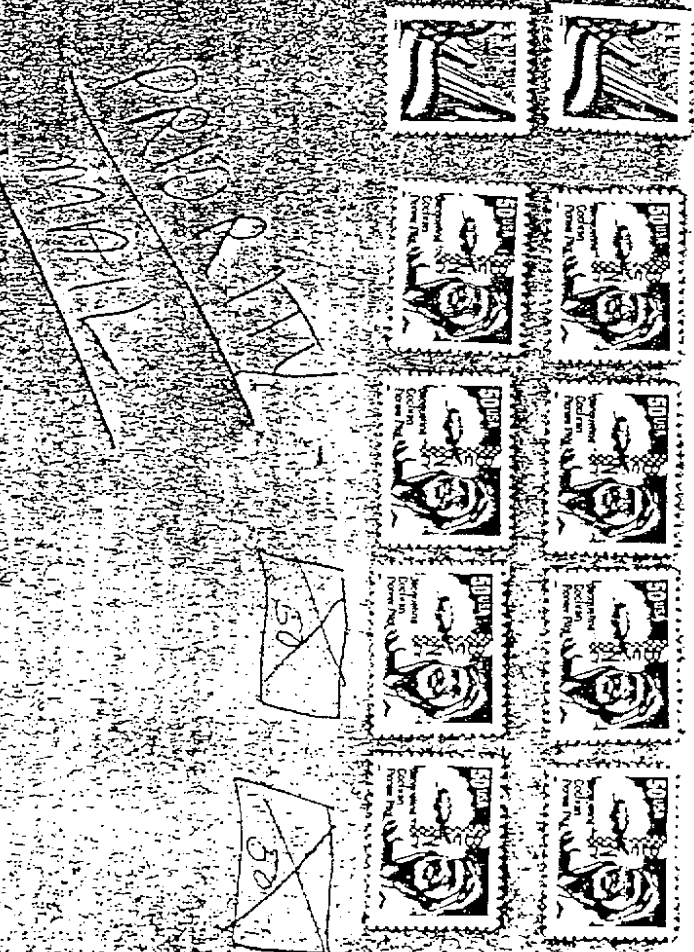
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2/13/2001

Congressman Baird,

Enclosed are copies of a recent series of articles that appeared in the Washington Times INSIGHT MAGAZINE. The documents, that appear in the photo in the article, were taken from me during my trial. As a consequence, I did not have benefit of this material for my defense. Now, years later, this material shows up in the media. Of particular note is the letter on Wackenhut stationery that refers to DR FAIR'S characterization of me as a potential national resource because of my technical ability. This is significant because it is in direct opposition to what was presented to my trial jury. Also enclosed is the paperwork trail on the initial contact I had with the Canadian RCMP/NSIS.

The treatment I received at FCI Coleman was in large part retaliation against me for cooperating with the RCMP/NSIS investigation. The FBI has lodged formal protest to the Canadian govt. for this RCMP investigation. The charges brought against me by the FBI at Coleman were found to be absolutely baseless. The timing of the events leading up to these charges is highly suspicious looking and beyond mere coincidence.

Things are not alright in my case. The BOP response to your inquiries have been mere bureaucratic cover responses. My present problems are too numerous to address in one letter. As per my last conversation with Barry, I will keep my letters basically confined to a single issue.

The issue I wish to address here is of extreme urgency because it is time sensitive. As is apparent from the INSIGHT series, my claims check out. Yet, the US govt refuses to deal with me in a straightforward manner when I proffer information.

As I previously stated, I have been cooperating with US Customs agents against Robert Booth Nichols and his group. There is some reason that Mr. Nichols and associates seem to be immune from prosecution. In my efforts to help work a case against Nichols, I have come across some important intelligence leads.

Recently, one of these contacts has found himself in a very unique position with a major Islamic radical group. This party is presently involved in providing IDs and passports. Very recently he has been put in a position of trust with this group. The significant issue here is that this party has contacts with the principals of numerous cells in the organization. It is extremely rare that one source is able to penetrate across many different cells in one of these organizations! This is a rare and valuable asset. This needs to be dealt with ASAP. If not dealt with in a timely fashion, this opportunity will be gone. This source, and several others, report of planned attacks in the US. One of these sources is accurate track record with his information. This party has a chillingly accurate track record with his information. Several very credible lawyers have attempted to get the DOJ to move on this situation. They went to the DOJ, and then finally to Senator Santorum. They were referred to Senator Patty Murray because I am from Washington State. We were told to contact a Mr. McMackin, (202 224, 262). I have recently gotten ahold of a retired CIA terrorism specialist. He is making a referral to a current case officer. This may take some time.

Time is of the essence here. Will you please find someone in Senator Murray's office that is able to handle this information. I will attempt to call Barry in the Olympia office on Tuesday 2/20/01. Someone in a position of authority, capable of acting on this, needs to come and interview me on this.

Mike Piconosciuto

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February 19, 2001

Honorable Colin Powell
Secretary of State
Fax 202-261-8577

Dear Secretary Powell:

I am an attorney and I represent a client who is presently incarcerated in a Federal penitentiary. He and I spoke recently and he informed me that he had information regarding certain terrorists who planned on entering the United States in the very near future for purposes of terrorist activities.

He wishes to speak to you concerning same and he wishes to turn over all of the information he has concerning same which he has indicated is substantial. He asked me to write to you because he feels that he can trust you. DO NOT SEND THIS LETTER TO THE FBI. If he learns that the FBI is aware of this letter, he may refuse to cooperate for reasons which I will explain later.

I do not know whether you know my client, but he is well known in certain government circles, and it is because of the circles in which he has traveled that I believe that his information is accurate.

Because I do not know if you will receive this letter personally or how many eyes will see this letter before it gets to you, I have not included his name. I will be sending a copy of this letter to the Attorney General.

Since time is of the essence, please contact me today. My home phone is 630-572-0268. I am there now, but will be out from about 6:30 p. m. to about 9:00 p. m. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE.

Sincerely,

Louis P. Buffardi

cc: The Honorable John Ashcroft

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TO: T. REISINGER (SIS)
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SUBJECT: State completely but briefly the problem on which you desire assistance and what you think should be done (Give details).

As per our conversation last Friday, I have attorney's Louis Buffardi, [redacted], and Dan Bailey working on contacting the appropriate authorities to handle the contact we have inside the IIF. To date we have contacted Mr. George Bernier in Senator Santorum's office, Mr. Ben McManis in Senator Murray's office, and the United States Attorney General. Unfortunately scheduling unmonitored calls is difficult. This present matter has to be dealt with quickly. I am having to use the ITS in this matter. FYI: references to STRELA-3 and FGLA-9 are for man-portable air defense weapons. This matter is not a recent development.

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