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Dear Mr. Webster

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45 COMMIE GOALS

Uncovered by W. Cleon Skousen for the F.B.I. while serving as an assistant to J. Edgar Hoover.

1. U.S. acceptance of coexistence as the only alternative to atomic war.
2. U.S. willingness to capitulate in preference to engaging in atomic war.
3. Develop the illusion that total disarmament by the U.S. would be a demonstration of moral strength.
4. Permit free trade between all nations regardless of whether items could be used for war.
5. Extension of long-term loans to Russia and Soviet satellites.
6. Provide U.S. aid to all nations.
7. Grant recognition of Red China with admission to the U.N.
8. Set up E. and W. Germany as separate states.
9. Prolong the conferences to ban atomic tests because the U.S. has agreed to suspend tests as long as negotiations are in progress.
10. Allow all Soviet satellites representation in the U.N.
11. Promote the U.N. as the only hope for mankind. If its charter is rewritten, demand that it be set up as a one-world government with its own independent armed forces.
12. Resist any attempt to outlaw the Communist Party.
13. Do away with all loyalty oaths.
14. Continue giving Russia access to the U.S. Patent Office.
15. Capture one or both of the political parties in the U.S.
16. Use technical decisions of the courts to weaken basic American institutions by claiming their activities violate civil rights.
17. Get control of schools. Use them for socialism and current Communist propaganda. Get control of teachers' associations.
18. Gain control of all student newspapers.
19. Use student riots to foment public protests against programs or org. which are under Communist attack.
20. Infiltrate the press.
21. Gain control of key positions in radio, TV and motion pictures.
22. Continue discrediting American culture by degrading all forms of artistic expression.
23. Control art critics and directors of art museums. "Our plan is to promote ugliness, repulsive, meaningless art."
24. Eliminate all laws governing obscenity by calling them "censorship" and a violation of free speech and free press.
25. Break down cultural standards of morality by promoting pornography in books, magazines, motion pictures, radio and TV.
26. Present homosexuality, degeneracy and promiscuity as "normal, natural, healthy."
27. Infiltrate

the churches and replace revealed religion with "social" religion. Discredit the Bible and emphasize the need for intellectual maturity which does not need a "religious crutch." 28. Eliminate prayer or any phase of religious expressions in the schools. 29. Discredit the American Constitution by calling it inadequate, "out of step." 30. Discredit the American founding fathers. Present them as selfish aristocrats who had no concern for the "common man." 31. Belittle all forms of American culture and discourage the teaching of American history. 32. Support all socialist movement to give centralized control over any part of the culture — education, social agencies, welfare programs, mental health clinics, etc. 33. Eliminate all laws or procedures which interfere with the operation of the Communist apparatus. 34. Eliminate the House Committee on Un-American Activities. 35. Discredit and eventually dismantle the FBI. 36. Infiltrate and gain control of more unions. 37. Infiltrate and gain control of big business. 38. Transfer some of the powers of arrest from the police to social agencies. Treat all behavior problems as psychiatric disorders. 39. Dominate the psychiatric profession and use mental health laws as a means of gaining coercive control over those who oppose Communist goals. 40. Discredit the family as an institution. Encourage promiscuity and easy divorce. 41. Emphasize the need to raise children away from the negative influence of parents. Attribute prejudices and mental blocks to suppressive influence of parents. 42. Create the impression that violence and insurrection are legitimate aspects of the American tradition; that students and special-interest groups should rise up and use "united force" to solve problems. 43. Overthrow all colonial governments before native populations are ready for self-government. 44. Internationalize the Panama Canal. 45. Repeal the Connally Reservation so the U.S. cannot prevent the World Court from seizing jurisdiction over domestic problems. Give the World Court jurisdiction over nations and individuals alike.

The above (slightly condensed) appeared in the Congressional Record. Give a copy of this tract to someone who has said, "I don't believe the communists are in everything, as I hear they are." These are only 45 points. They have more.

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people will react to him. More important you will receive the instructions our Lord left to enable "whosoever will" to escape the awful tribulation of those days and be with the redeemed ones whom He snatches out of this troubled world just before that terrible 7 year dictator's reign begins. In fact, we trust that whoever gives you this tract will immediately give you another one which will have this vital information! You may need *very soon!* Why not write today? We'll send this information by mail, NOT in person by someone who'd like to convert you to some modern-day cult. This pamphlet is published by a non-profit organization which works with churches of practically all the recognized denominations. What we offer is the time-tested Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, upon which this great nation was founded. The same God Who helped America through every crisis in history has made full provision for the great world-crisis just ahead. Our Lord said "Be ye also ready". May we help you get ready?

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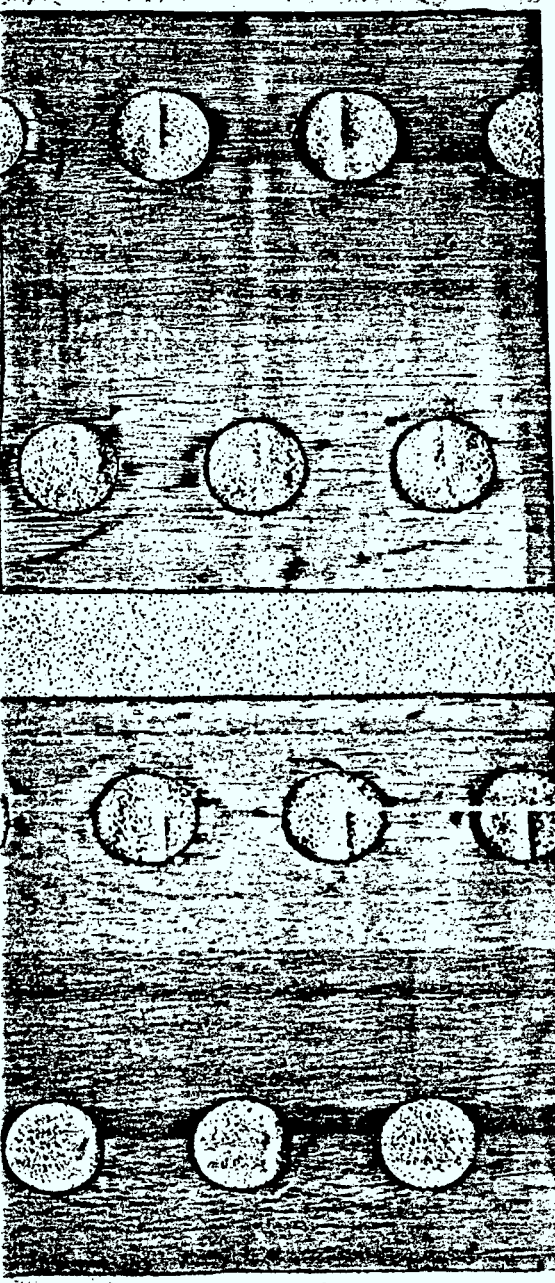


Here are some Predictions concerning Your Future that are Guaranteed 100% SURE

WHAT'S AHEAD FOR YOU?
Someone said there are only three things in all the world that are SURE: Death, taxes and the love of God. But I'm about to predict several things that are SURE to take place in YOUR future and offer documentary proof of the accuracy of these predictions.

A HEAVY TRAVEL SCHEDULE
You are SURE to be doing a great deal of traveling. In fact you couldn't prevent this prediction from fulfillment if you were to chain yourself to your bed and refuse to arise, even for meals! Shall I prove it? O.K., sit very still, right where you are. Try not to move. Doesn't it seem incredible that *right now* you are travelling many millions of miles per hour? How come? Well get your pencil ready: As you sit in your comfortable arm chair, you and chair and house are travelling with old mother earth about 1,000 miles per hour in *one* direction. (Earth's rotation: about 25,000 miles each day.) Now sit still. Still as you can, that is, for you and your arm chair are travelling around the sun in an orbit that is so big, you cover about two million miles a day, or

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18½ miles per second. So you are travelling in TWO directions at once at a combined speed of almost a hundred times the speed of sound! But hold it! You haven't begun to take inventory of your travel schedule. The sun is taking us all for a ride in her mad journey toward Vega, in the constellation Lyra. Yes, the Sun's whole "family" is going along, including the entire "neighborhood" of planets and moons at a speed of 12 miles per second. And at the same time our entire galaxy is whirling us around in a circuit so huge it will take us 200 million years to make one trip at 180 miles per second! So you'll be doing a great deal of travelling, won't you?

MORE SURE THINGS IN YOUR FUTURE

Crystal ball gazers are far from 100% accurate. In fact the most famous of modern seers, Jeanne Dixon, is said to have only 60% accuracy. But here, we are speaking of things that are 100% SURE in YOUR future! And remember, we promise documentary proof!

It takes no crystal ball to predict that you will pay more for almost everything you

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buy next year than you do this year. Inflation is a world-wide problem with which the international bankers are vainly wrestling. They have no workable cure for it. But they DO have a gigantic plan to use when the people are ready for it. It is such drastic medicine that they'll have to wait for conditions to get so chaotic that folk will be willing to accept *absolute control* (on a world-wide basis) of their entire economic future by a "great man" whom Jeanne Dixon has foretold in her biography "A Gift Of Prophecy".

Of course this world dictator would not be a *certainty* just because Jeanne said so, but in *this case* her prediction dovetails with the famous Bible prophecy of the world ruler who will require everyone to bear a mark on hand and forehead without which no one can buy or sell. My friend, the world financier's plans are to scrap all the currencies of every country and to replace them with a mighty computer. Your week's "wages" will not come in a check or envelope but are entered in the world-wide computer-bank, and you will *have a number*. At the market you show your number and the cost of what

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you buy is entered in the merchant's unit of this gigantic computer system. If you've "overdrawn" you get no groceries! Your heavy taxation will be automatically deducted. Millions will think this world-ruler has brought peace and prosperity to them and saved the world from a great nuclear disaster, but the Bible says that about half-way through his 7 year reign he is unmasked for what he is, *Satan Incarnate*, or the Anti-Christ, and Jesus Himself said that conditions under his rule would get so terrible that there would be the worst tribulation the world has ever known. These things are *sure* to happen *because the Bible says so*, and no Bible prophecy yet was ever proved erroneous. We offered you documentary proof. Obviously there is not room enough here to do this thoroughly, so we offer to send you, free of charge, a packet of literature including mathematical proof that Bible prophecies *could not* have been man-made, that the Bible IS the very Word of God and *could not be otherwise*. Also included will be a tract showing from what source Jeanne Dixon gets her accurate prophecies, what this world-dictator will be like and how the

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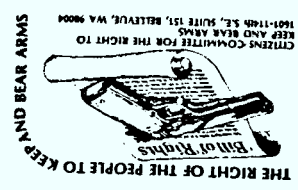


Mr. Webster
FBI-officer
Washington, DC
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PLUS INTERNAL DEMORALIZATION,
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Public Response - Re Abscam

The agents & support personnel involved in ABSCAM did one hell of a great job & the American people appreciate all you are doing. KEEP IT UP!

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Respectfully

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I have written my representatives 5th Dist Comm to expressing my opinion

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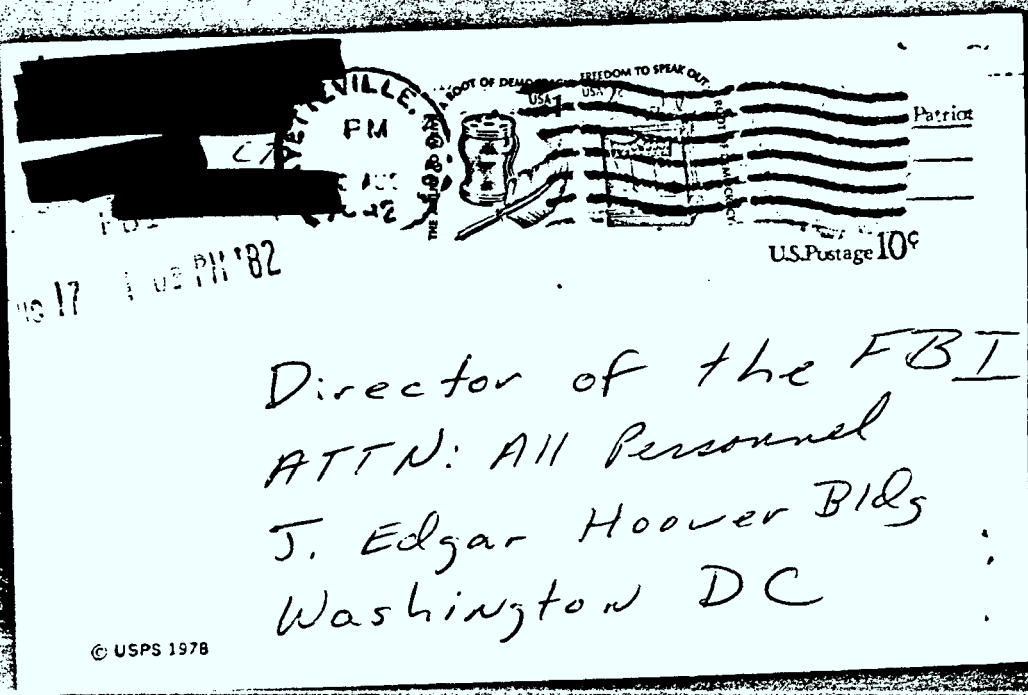
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August 16, 1982

Dear Sir:

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I Received this Congressional Record, report from Senator Bradley N.J. a short while ago, even though its dated March 10th, 1982.

Sir: I totally disagree with Sen. Bradley in defending that Crook Sen. Williams, and also investigating your I. B. I. on Abscam.

I wrote to Sen. Bradley

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telling him that you and the I. B. I. should be given medals

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instead of being investigated: Sir
the Senate and the House sure
must have a lot to hide when
they are so afraid of the I. B. A.

Most of them are just interested
in tax loopholes for themselves and
bigger and better pensions for them-
selves. (Plus the graft)

Sir: As a veteran of Saipan
in W. W. II in the Pacific I salute
you and your great outfit, and I
hope you keep Congress honest.
Keep up the good work. Sincerely,
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Senate

SENATOR HARRISON A.
WILLIAMS, JR.

Mr. BRADLEY. Mr. President, for over 2 years, the Senate has lived with the events called Abscam. These 2 years have been sad ones for Senator WILLIAMS and his family, for the people of New Jersey, for the Senate, and for the thousands of Americans Senator WILLIAMS has helped through his legislative accomplishments.

No Senators have labored more on this issue than the Senate Ethics Committee which is charged with responsibility for the standards of the Senate. Since its report last August on Senator WILLIAMS, I have agonized over my own course of action.

I am grateful for the help and friendship Senator WILLIAMS extended to me as a new Senator. It was long my sense of him that his service to New Jersey was a testimony to his caring, and to his propriety.

Now, I have seen and heard Senator WILLIAMS on tape—attending seven meetings in five locations over 11 months in pursuit of Arab money for a company. I have seen and heard him saying “no problem” when asked if he could help the company obtain Government contracts. Most important, I have heard him accepting that company’s stock certificates, which were endorsed in blank and which he said provided him with foundations for future independence. Nothing in this debate can change that final fact.

My personal conflict is complicated by what many say has been an abuse of power by the FBI—an abuse which constitutes entrapment or even an assault on the legislative branch by the executive. It is my hope that the Senate will conduct an investigation of Abscam.

But such an investigation cannot erase the ethical question before us with regard to Senator WILLIAMS.

I am not a lawyer. My reading of the extensive report of the Ethics Committee and the responses of Senator WILLIAMS has not been done with a lawyer’s eye. My hearing of the past

days’ debate has not been done with a lawyer’s ear. It is the business of the judiciary to say whether or not Senator WILLIAMS is guilty or innocent by judicial standards.

We are not judges. We are the Senate. It is our constitutional responsibility, as Senators, to assess our colleague’s actions by standards we hold for ourselves.

Like each of you, I carry in my own heart and in my own head an idea of the standards a Senator of the United States should follow and exemplify. For whatever reasons or friendships, under whatever motivation or provocation—whatever may have been the inducement or the entrapment—Senator WILLIAMS’ behavior did not meet the minimum standards expected of a U.S. Senator and the Senate must react.

What is the proper reaction? The Ethics Committee unanimously recommends expulsion.

A search for exact precedents yields none. In history, the 15 Senators who have been expelled were all expelled on grounds of treason. Three other Senators, whom committees of the Senate had recommended for expulsion after charges of bribery, either resigned or lost at the polls before the Senate could act on the recommendations. The Senate never has been asked to vote on the expulsion of a sitting Senator who has been convicted

of such a felony—until now. If this should happen again, our determination will be the precedent.

The House of Representatives has expelled Members who have been convicted of certain felonies.

There is also instructive history in the Senate’s action on Federal judges. When a Federal judge did not voluntarily resign after having been found to have taken illegal fees, these “high crimes and misdemeanors” were grounds for impeachment, conviction, and removal from office.

With that much example in mind and with Senator WILLIAMS’ case under consideration, one must ask the following questions:

WILLIAMS

First. Have the Senator's actions reduced public confidence in elected officials?

Second. What is the point at which embarrassing behavior becomes unacceptable behavior with regard to the Senate's institutional integrity?

Third. Should one mistake nullify years of service?

Fourth. Should years of service nullify one mistake?

Fifth. Can any other Senator imagine doing in a similar situation just what this Senator has done?

Sadly for the Senate and for Senator WILLIAMS, my answers to these questions point only to expulsion.

Bribery inverts and mocks the democratic process turning it upon itself. Among other things, Senator WILLIAMS has been found to have taken a bribe.

Some of my colleagues have said to me that they believe censure would be a more appropriate remedy. But the issue here is not a minor one. It is at the core of democratic government—the faith people extend to political institutions.

To protect that faith, the Senate has created an Ethics Committee and has vested that committee with guardian responsibility for the standards of the Senate. A Senator should reject a recommendation of the Ethics Committee only if that recommendation seems very substantially unsupported by the evidence before the committee and very clearly inconsistent with the standards of the committee and the Senate. Nothing in this case, I am sad to say, suggests such exceptions to me. I will vote for expulsion.

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Public Response to Abscam

Director William H. Webster
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Webster:

The purpose of this letter is to request a copy of the set of guidelines pertaining to Undercover Operations and the Undercover Operations Review Committee along with any other pertinent guidelines relevant to the control mechanisms implemented in the wake of Abscam.

Thanking you very much for this information, I am,

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Very truly yours,

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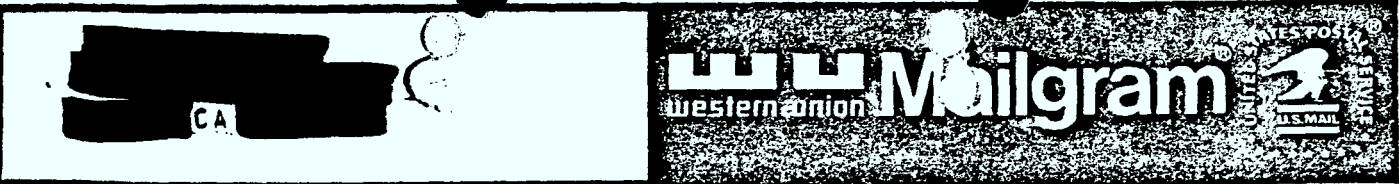
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Public Response Re HISSAM

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Dear Mr. Webster,

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do nothing but hinder good government.
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I found out the United Fund gives
money to A. C. L. U. I stopped giving
my hard earned money to them.

Good Luck to you, the I. B. D.
and our great Country;

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P. S. Sir: I am an old-fashioned
Flag waver that fought on Saipan
in World War II

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FBI's methods in Abscam threaten rights, ACLU says

From Inquirer Wire Services

NEW YORK — The rights of innocent people were endangered by the methods used in the FBI's Abscam investigation, and those methods should be restricted by Congress, an American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) report said yesterday.

Standards should be changed to require, among other things, that the FBI find a pattern of criminal activity before targeting individuals, said the 69-page report titled "The Lessons of Abscam."

Additional controls should be developed to ensure proper supervision of undercover operations, and an innocent person who suffers an invasion of privacy or an injury to reputation during such an inquiry should be allowed to sue the government, the report said.

The Abscam inquiry led to the convictions of 12 political figures, including seven congressmen, for accepting bribes from undercover agents. During the 1980 investigation, FBI agents posed as representatives of a wealthy Arab sheik.

"Twenty meetings were held but

only 12 convictions resulted," the ACLU report said. "To be sure, this is a 60 percent success rate, but it is also a 40 percent failure rate using a highly intrusive technique with damaging consequences."

The report said the FBI in some cases violated its own undercover guidelines, which require it to make "the corrupt nature of the activity ... reasonably clear to potential subjects" and to offer illegal inducements "not unjustifiable in view of the character of the illegal transaction in which ... individuals ... [are] invited to engage."

Those guidelines, even if followed, do not adequately protect the innocent from being targets of investigation, the report said.

The report also said the FBI should be required to obtain a warrant from a judge before using undercover agents "for purposes of testing a person's criminal predisposition or for covert infiltration of an organization."

"We believe the facts lead inescapably to the conclusion that new legislation is required to impose limita-

tions on the FBI's discretion to engage in undercover operations, while continuing to permit such operations to take place under narrowly defined circumstances," it said.

The report was written by Jerry J. Berman, the ACLU's Washington legislative counsel.

FBI director William H. Webster has long defended the Abscam operation, saying it was a service to the nation.

In recent congressional testimony, Webster said he was convinced that the FBI had not selectively targeted any individual and had violated no constitutional safeguards.

But the ACLU report said that "too many innocent public officials were targeted for bribes and brought before the cameras" that secretly recorded bribe offers.

"We believe that the rights of all Americans are endangered by permitting the FBI to retain such discretion, and that crime and corruption can be adequately investigated and prosecuted without risk to civil liberties or compromises of American values," the report said.

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Goodbye, Richmond

The best thing that can be said about the resignation of Fred Richmond from the U.S. House of Representatives is "good riddance."

Richmond, of Brooklyn, first came to public attention in 1978 when he acknowledged soliciting \$100,000 from an undercover police officer and a 16-year-old boy and was placed in a "first-offender's" program.

Since then he has been investigated by federal agencies on a variety of other charges ranging from income-tax evasion to sheltering an escaped felon to having his congressional aides buy illegal drugs for him.

Richmond, one of the richest men in Congress, pleaded guilty to three charges in U.S. District Court and resigned from the House.

It's distressing to reflect that a man of Richmond's character has

been helping to write the nation's laws for nearly eight years.

That this has been tolerated so long is partly the fault of the House itself. The House ethics committee delayed investigating Richmond's conduct until recently, probably in the hope that he would sometime quit on his own.

The committee hates to investigate the sleazy activities of a fellow member, even though that's what it's supposed to do.

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Richmond finally took the committee off the hook. He pleaded guilty to income-tax evasion, violating federal salary laws and possession of marijuana.

A federal prosecutor commented that "basically, this is a tragic occasion." Nonsense. Richmond not only displayed contempt for the law but for Congress. The court ought to throw the book at him.

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Scripps-Edward News Service as learned that top FBI officials have known of the FBI supervisor's alleged involvement in the bank robbery ring for almost a year and reportedly tried to have the unidentified supervisor fired.

But Justice Department officials insist that the case be investigated for possible criminal charges.

"This thing cut through the FBI like a hot knife through butter," a top Justice Department official said. "Everyone in the hierarchy of

tion with the arson case.

As a legislative aide and former administrative assistant to Clellan in the mid-1960s, Probst had authored major anti-crime legislation then pending in the Senate. He also was a campaign aide to Sen. J. William Fulbright, D-S.C., and Sen. Dale Bumpers, D-Ark., a former governor of

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Rich Press, Sat., Sept. 4, 1982

Abscam Verdicts Upheld

NEW YORK (UPI) — A federal appeals court has upheld the Abscam convictions of four former Congressmen, saying they were all clearly caught in the act on videotape of taking payoffs during the two-year FBI probe.

The 3-0 ruling yesterday by the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals was the first by a federal appeals court involving any of the seven members of Congress convicted as a result of the investigation.

The court upheld the convictions of former Reps. John Murphy of New York, Frank Thompson of New Jersey, and Michael Myers and Raymond Lederer, both of Pennsylvania.

The court, however, ordered a retrial on a conflict of interest count against Murphy and lowered fines against him from \$20,000 to \$10,000.

"The four congressmen were caught on videotape in the very act of committing federal crimes," wrote Judge Jon Newman for the court.

"The conduct of the (Abscam) investigation, though subject of some criticism, affords no basis for rejecting the convictions," he said.

Newman noted his appeal dealt only with trials of the defendants and said a 16-day due-process hearing in early 1981 upheld the conduct of the agents during the actual Abscam investigation.

In other Abscam trials involving members of Congress, former Sen. Harrison Williams, D-N.J., and former Reps. John Jenrette of South Carolina and Richard Kelly of Florida also were found guilty of political corruption.

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bank robberies but also criminal tax evasion and receipt of stolen property, sources said.

Spokesmen for the FBI and the U.S. attorney refused to comment on the investigation.

The FBI official, a \$40,000-a-year supervisor, has been allowed to remain at his post at FBI headquarters in Washington but has been assigned no duties for the past several months.

"They've got him dangling by thumbs," said one source.

A key witness in the case (Continued on Page A-8, Col.

son, Trust's lawyer, Bart Mullis of Pine Bluff, said in a telephone interview.

He said he had been instructed by prosecutors not to say anything more about the probe.

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Probe Of Bank Heists Targets FBI Official

By JOHN BENNETT and GENE GOLDENBERG
Scripps-Howard Staff Writers
WASHINGTON — Federal prosecutors are investigating a supervisor at FBI headquarters for alleged involvement in masterminding a string of seven bank robberies in the South and Midwest.

The investigation also involves an aborted effort to rob the FBI's own credit union and a fencing operation for stolen diamonds and jewels, according to informed sources.

Scripps-Howard News Service has learned that top FBI officials have known of the FBI supervisor's alleged involvement in the bank robbery ring for almost a year and originally tried to have the unidentified supervisor fired.

But Justice Department officials insisted that the case be investigated for possible criminal charges.

"This thing cut through the FBI like a hot knife through butter," a top Justice Department official said. "Everyone in the hierarchy of

the FBI has known about the FBI agent's alleged role in this thing for some time.

"They wanted to shove it under the rug by handing it administratively and having him fired, but we insisted the matter be sent to the U.S. attorney."

The case was investigated by the U.S. attorney and has been referred to a federal grand jury here.

The charges under investigation include not only complicity in the bank robberies but also criminal tax evasion and receipt of stolen property, sources said.

Spokesmen for the FBI and the U.S. attorney refused to comment on the investigation.

The FBI official, a \$40,000-a-year supervisor, has been allowed to remain at his post at FBI headquarters in Washington but has been assigned no duties for the past several months.

"They've got him dangling by thumbs," said one source.

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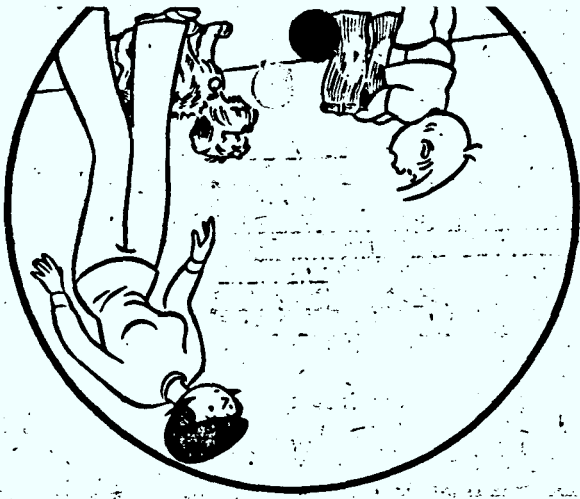
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Robbery Investigation Focuses On FBI Aide

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Probst, a longtime friend of the FBI official under investigation, is charged with receiving money he knew was stolen from seven banks in five states and with conspiracy to defraud an insurance company through claims for a deliberately set restaurant fire.

The FBI official is suspected of having directed or helped plan the bank robberies, which involved banks in Huber Heights and Gahanna, Ohio; Springfield and Carthage, Mo.; Greensboro, N.C.; Southaven, Miss.; and Olathe, Kan.

Probst is free on \$50,000 bond after pleading innocent to the charges and is awaiting trial next month. He faces a possible prison sentence of up to 115 years and \$50,000 in fines if convicted on all the charges.

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When the Arkansas indictments against Probst and the three other men were announced in Little Rock, U.S. Attorney George Proctor said Probst was slated to appear before the grand jury in Washington to testify on a "national security" matter.

Sources said the "national security" matter in question is the suspected involvement of the FBI official in the bank robberies. Although Probst is expected to be given immunity from prosecution based on his testimony to the grand jury, sources said it is not clear whether he has decided to cooperate with investigators now that he himself has been indicted.

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FBI chief's speech pulls a curtain on the inner workings of Abscam

By HERB JAFFE

SAN FRANCISCO — FBI Director William Webster yesterday identified former Camden Mayor Angelo Errichetti as the most important figure in bringing the Abscam investigation to the doorsteps of the many public officials who were ultimately convicted of bribery and conspiracy.

In what he later said was "probably the first time I've elaborated in such detail at a public gathering," Webster told an American Bar Association audience, "Errichetti opened doors for us."

However, he emphasized throughout his address that "at no time did the FBI ever suggest names as targets. The names came to us from the bagmen."

He referred to key informant Mel Weinberg whom he said was instrumental in getting the sting operation off the ground when early in 1978 the FBI set up the phony Arab company in Long Island known as Abdul Enterprises Inc. for the purpose of spreading the word that Arab money was available for stolen art.

"The criminals were coming to us. In less than one year we recovered over \$1 million in art. Mel Weinberg was a crook then, and he is a crook now. But through him we met other criminals."

"We decided to go from stolen art to Arab money for other means, and so we took a turn toward Atlantic City and the casinos, and we met Errichetti who



William Webster
Tells the inside story

introduced us to the vice president of the New Jersey Gaming Commission, Mr. Kenneth McDonald.

"Errichetti took \$25,000 and McDonald got \$100,000.

"That's the backdrop for the Abscam scenario," Webster stated.

He told of the yacht in Florida, called the "Left Hand," which the FBI provided for a phony Arab sheik while he entertained some of the eight congressmen who were ultimately convicted of accepting bribes.

Webster explained that the FBI devised the phony story that wealthy Arabs were being forced to leave the Emirate States and would like to relocate in the U.S.

"Errichetti then introduced us to congressmen who could help," he said, referring to three from Pennsylvania, former Rep. Frank Thompson of New Jersey, and others from Staten Island and South Carolina. Errichetti, who was a state senator at the time he served as Camden mayor, also was convicted.

"All the time we followed their leads. We paid them bribes and followed their leads. But at no time did we mention names. It was those who came to us who mentioned the names," he re-emphasized.

"We wound up with 22 indictments, 19 convictions and eight jury trials. Yet no jury ever said there was entrapment."

"There have been three appeals, and all appeals were found in favor of the government," the FBI director said, adding in reference to many of the defense motions:

"That's an astonishingly good [Please turn to Page 5]

FBI chief parts curtain on details of Abscam

(Continued from Page One) If there is a bribe, we want to be able to overcome charges of entrapment.

Regardless of the number of Abscams involving public corruption, drug trafficking, high technology fraud, organized crime and other areas, Webster said "Less than 1 per cent of the agents in our offices are involved in undercover activities."

In addition, we have recovered \$109 million in property and obtained many convictions for an investment on our part of \$7.5 million in these undercover operations," he added.

In explaining the FBI's rationale for the use of undercover agents to work with informants, Webster said:

"To become an instant criminal, we borrow on the credibility of a crook witness who wants to help us. Whatever his reasons are, he wants to work for us."

"If he's a swindler, he knows the swindlers and he can talk to them. He's there to provide the credibility for the corrupt middlemen, those who deal with corrupt officials."

Webster told of a scam last spring involving the laundering of Colombian drug money in Florida. "I visited the site of that undercover operation where agents brokered that money."

"We laundered \$170 million in cash. The money was coming in so fast that they had to weigh it because they didn't have the time to count it."

He said the investigation produced more than three dozen indictments, 20 cars, six airplanes, ammunition and millions of dollars in cash and bank accounts.

Still, Webster said with regard to his own agents "we want only competent people to deal in this sleazy envi-

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Record for an investigation where they were supposedly reluctant to accept the money.

Webster said he is prepared for the criticism in the Senate referring to an investigation there into the methods used by the FBI in Abscam.

But Webster added, in explaining the overall undercover activities of the FBI, "That's just one investigation. There are and have been many other uses for undercover operations with the same effectiveness."

"These investigations should not be overlooked because of Abscam," he stated, alluding to the overwhelming notoriety of Abscam because public officials were involved.

"We had the Black Tuna case in Florida," he said, referring to a drug smuggling operation that involved several underworld figures from New Jersey. "After that case there was an attempt made on the life of Judge (Lawrence) King."

He briefly detailed several other major undercover investigations in which informants were used. "Informants are still probably the most important tool in law enforcement and we use them whenever we can," he noted.

"Informant information tells us of a problem in an area, and we then target that area," he said, adding that their information is not always reliable, necessitating "trained and disciplined special agents to work these investigations."

Williams loses challenge on Abscam guilt

By TIM O'BRIEN

Sen. Harrison A. Williams' Abscam bribery conviction was upheld yesterday by the trial judge who, in ruling that the New Jersey Democrat's due process rights were not violated, concluded that Williams was not entrapped but acted "knowingly and voluntarily."

U.S. District Court Judge George C. Pratt set Jan. 26 for sentencing the 23-year Senate veteran and his co-defendant, Cherry Hill lawyer Alexander Feinberg, 72. Both were found guilty last May 1 following a five-week trial in Brooklyn.

Williams was not available for comment. However, his spokesman, Walter Gold, said, "It will go to the Court of Appeals, there's no question about that." The senator's trial lawyer, George Koelzer of Red Bank, said, "We now pro-

ceed in full confidence to the Court of Appeal."

Pratt, in his 61-page opinion issued in Uniondale, N.Y., did dismiss one count on which Feinberg was convicted, a charge that he aided Williams when the senator traveled interstate to accept shares of stock at a meeting in JFK International Airport in Queens in August, 1979.

The ruling, which comes 12 days after Williams' 62d birthday, technically ends the trial portion of the case. Williams' appeal is expected to be filed shortly after the scheduled sentencing, which falls about the same time that the Senate is expected to take up the recommendation of its ethics committee that Williams be expelled for "repugnant"

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Photo by Ronald F. McFrat

Sen. Harrison A. Williams (D-N.J.) is shown addressing a Senate subcommittee last month

Williams seeks reversal of Abscam conviction

By GUY STERLING

NEW YORK—Lawyers for former Sen. Harrison A. Williams Jr. told a federal appeals panel yesterday that the Abscam defendant's conviction should be overturned because there was nothing improper in the stings that led to his indictment and that the government improperly provoked him at each step of its scam operation.

The three-member panel of the Second Circuit Court of Appeals listened for 90 minutes as George Koelzer and former Harvard Law School Dean Erwin Griswold argued for a reversal of Williams' conviction, while Edward Korman, former U.S. Attorney for Eastern District of New York, defended the jury's decision and the trial judge's conduct in the case.

Korman, who recently resigned his U.S. Attorney's post, acted as a special assistant federal attorney in presenting the government's case.

The panel, sitting in Manhattan, was scheduled to review a number of Abscam tapes yesterday afternoon following the oral arguments and reserved its decision on the case. The tapes were secretly recorded by the government during its protracted Abscam campaign that included the use of a federal agent posing as an Arab.

The 62-year-old Williams, who did not attend yesterday's proceedings, resigned from the U.S. Senate in March following his May 1981 conviction for seeking \$10 million in loans to revitalize a Virginia titanium mine in which he held a hidden interest and for promising to help secure government contracts to buy the mine's output.

Attorneys argue case before appeals panel

The four-term New Jersey Democratic senator is appealing his conviction on nine counts of bribery and conspiracy. He was the only U.S. senator convicted of Abscam charges.

Williams was sentenced to a three-year prison term in January for his part in the titanium mine scheme.

Leading off the hearing, Griswold maintained a key question in the Abscam investigation revolves around "where the line should be drawn" in government activity.

He said one-time U.S. Supreme Court Justice Louis D. Brandeis drew the line 50 years ago when he concluded "government may set up decoys to trap criminals, but it may not provoke a crime and then punish the criminals, its creatures."

Griswold, also a former U.S. solicitor general, characterized the government's Abscam activities as entrapment.

He recounted many of the meetings Williams participated in that resulted in his indictment and conviction and insisted "the causation at each stage always came from and only came from the government."

Each of those meetings Griswold claimed was legitimate.

"No one has ever suggested Senator Williams took anything of value in this matter," he added. "The government did act in persuading him to commit a crime, with his friends all tied in and with group pressure at work."

"It progressed and developed with constant prodding from government agents and the only reason the government's continued interest was to see could manipulate things so as to provoke a crime."

"This is the sort of thing the government ought to be doing and I would hope this court would see to it that the government doesn't conduct itself in this sort of way."

"The government was out to create a crime, not ferret out crime that was already going on," Griswold said.

Griswold said Williams' position is that he committed no crimes, but that if he did, he was entrapped into the offenses.

"They don't seem to me to be inconsistent defenses, they are successive defenses, which frequently happen in the law," he told the court.

A similar argument was mounted at the hearing by Carol Prendergast, an attorney appealing the conviction of Alexander Feinberg, a trial co-defendant of Williams.

Feinberg, 74, a Cherry Hill lawyer, was convicted of aiding and abetting Williams and received a 1-year prison sentence.

Griswold also contended that the trial judge, District Court Judge George Pratt, erred when he "took the entrapment issue away from the jury" by adding that Pratt's charge to the jury was that it was for the judge to decide if the government's conduct was "legal or illegal, proper or improper."

Pratt has ruled that Williams was not entrapped but acted "knowingly and voluntarily."

Korman argued that Williams' actions constituted unacceptable behavior for a U.S. senator.

The former federal prosecutor contended Williams never made a definite claim of entrapment during his trial. He said Williams' defense attorney made "few allusions" to claims of entrapment in his opening statement but that Williams "argued essentially he was innocent."

Koelzer referred to Korman's portrayal of Williams, saying "I'm not concerned with what is expected of a public official, what concerns me is whether (jury's) findings comport with the law."

He said it was Mel Weinberg, acting on behalf of the government as an FBI undercover informant, who initiated the discussions about government contracts.

"And Judge Pratt noted that without the issue of government contracts there was no case here," Koelzer added.

He also maintained the jury was "confused" by the issue of predisposition. He claimed there was evidence that Williams had been predisposed to commit a crime.

"In its absence, the defendant was entitled to a judgment of acquittal," Koelzer declared.

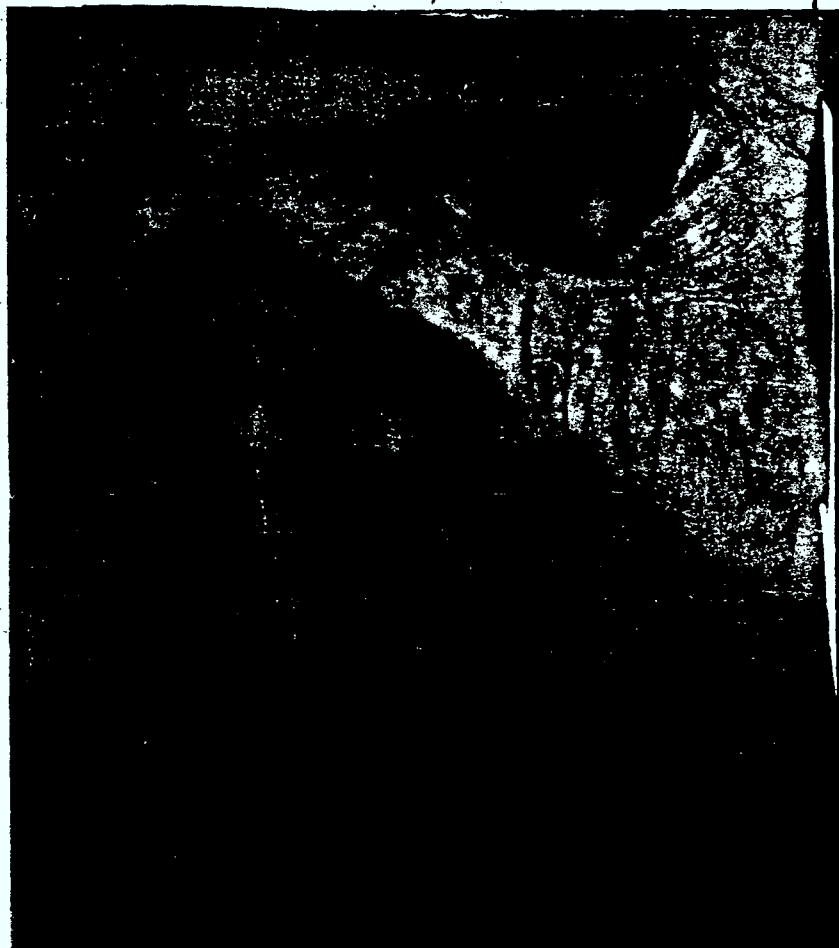
He ended his presentation with a plea that Williams be judged as any other human being.

"None of us is perfect, which means we're all fallible," Koelzer said. "It isn't inconceivable somehow, somewhere, someday any of us, even just as less than perfect human beings, can be induced to do something. We are all subject to temptation."

The FBI's undercover Abscam investigation of Williams and other political figures was made public in February 1980, the month federal agents visited the former senator's Washington home and advised he was under scrutiny.

Williams was convicted after a five-week trial in Brooklyn. The jury deliberated 27 hours before finding him guilty.

Six other members of Congress were convicted as a result of the Abscam operation.





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Williams urged to resign

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In my opinion, Abscam was a test of the man's honesty, and he failed. He is an embarrassment to the other senators, as well as to the people. It seems like a waste of time and money for the Ethics Committee to go over all the papers and testimony. That already has been done by the jury that convicted him.

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Delay granted to Williams on ouster debate

By ROBERT COHEN
Star-Ledger Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Sen. Harrison A. Williams Jr. (D-N.J.), claiming health problems, yesterday succeeded in again delaying the start of debate on a resolution calling for his expulsion from the Senate.

Senate Majority Leader Howard Baker (R-Tenn.) said yesterday he has agreed to postpone the expulsion debate, scheduled to begin Tuesday, until March 3 at Williams' request.

"Sen. Williams indicated that, for health reasons, it has not been possible for him to prepare for the debate," said Baker. "On that basis, I agreed to recommend that the debate be postponed until March 3."

Baker said he advised Williams that "there will be no further postponements."

Before Baker's announcement, Joseph Grimes, Williams' spokesman, said the senator's family physician in New Jersey, Dr. Philip Vogel, prepared a report which said that Williams has not fully recovered from his hernia surgery.

The spokesman said Williams was examined by the doctor Monday, the day before he was sentenced to three years in prison and fined \$50,000 for his bribery and conspiracy conviction. Grimes said Williams went to the courthouse for the sentencing against the advice of his doctor.

Williams was unavailable for comment after Baker's announcement, and his spokesman said the senator had no statement on the latest delay.

Williams, who was convicted May 1 in connection with the FBI undercover operation known as Abscam, had initially been scheduled to be sentenced Jan. 26 and face the Senate expulsion proceeding Feb. 2.

On the day he was supposed to be sentenced, however, Williams underwent surgery to correct a hernia condition. His sentencing was delayed until this past Tuesday and the Senate debate was rescheduled for Feb. 23.

These postponements are just the latest in a series of delays that have taken place regarding the Senate's efforts to deal with the disciplinary matter.

After the senator's conviction in May, he managed

to delay hearings before the Senate Select Committee on Ethics until July.

After those hearings, the Senate committee prepared a report and on Aug. 24 recommended Williams' expulsion. Shortly thereafter, members of the committee as well as Senate leaders suggested that the debate could take place in late September or early October.

The proceeding, however, was put off at Williams' urging, and Baker publicly said he expected the matter to be brought up in early November. That plan fell through as well when Williams and others pleaded for a postponement, and the debate was rescheduled for Dec. 3.

This timetable also fell apart when Sen. Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii) came forward at the 11th hour and

volunteered to defend Williams on the Senate floor. Inouye, joined by the other Democrats, asked for a postponement so he could have time to prepare, and the Senate leaders rescheduled the matter for Feb. 2. Throughout the entire Abscam affair, which first began public about two years ago, Williams has maintained his innocence and argued that he was a victim of illegal conduct by the FBI.

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This man, Williams, should not be allowed to postpone any more debates regarding his expulsion.

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SENATOR TED STEVENS OF ALASKA
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WASHINGTON DC 20510

WE UNDERSTAND THAT YOU AND SENATOR CRANSTON OF CALIFORNIA HOPE TO
LAUNCH AN INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGED MISCONDUCT BY ABSCAN.

THERE HAS BEEN TOO MUCH STALLING. DO YOU THINK THE PEOPLE ARE DUMB?
ALONG WITH MY FRIENDS WE HAVE FOLLOWED THIS TRIAL OF SENATOR WILLIAMS
FROM POSTPONEMENT TO POSTPONEMENT.

"FIRST THINGS FIRST" THE VOTE ON THE RESOLUTION TO EXPELL SENATOR
WILLIAMS.

FURTHER DEVIATION FROM THIS WE BELIEVE WILL REACT BADLY ON THE SENATE
FROM THE PEOPLE.

"ABSCAN WAS THE TEST OF A MANS HONESTY AND HE, WILLIAMS, FAILED"

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President Ronald Reagan
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, D.C. 20500

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OUTSIDE SOURCE

Mr. President: Public Response Re Abscam

I have just watched "60 Minutes" on CBS. I am appalled to learn that a branch of the government allowed innocent citizens to be bilked out of thousands of dollars. The moderator explained that during the ABSCAM investigations, the Federal Bureau of Investigation allowed a Mr. Meschel to commit fraud with their knowledge.

I teach American History. I teach my students to have pride and trust in their government. If what CBS says is true, what would you tell my students? I find it difficult to tell them their government selectively protects its citizens.

I would like to ask you to use your position and power to see things like this do not happen again. Ask Congress for a bill to stop this activity. Make it clear to all working in the executive branch, you do not want this kind of activity. Work to expose those involved in this impropriety. Most of all, please work to see that these innocent victims are recompensed. 63-17561-577

Thank you for your considerations.

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4 November 1982

Mr. William H. Webster
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C. 20535

OUTSIDE SOURCE

Dear Mr. Webster,

Public Response Re Abscam

As a concerned citizen - and an admirer of the FBI - I would like to bring to your attention a statement made by Captain Z. L. Newcomb, USN, which suggests a problem in our anti-espionage efforts. I personally doubt that the statement is true and regard it as a slur on the FBI. In any event you should be aware that the statement was made. I am sure you will agree with me that if Captain Newcomb is correct, we are in trouble.

On page 4, paragraph 11, of enclosure 1 of Captain Newcomb's letter he states that the security check that is done prior to issuing a Secret clearance costs "\$11.17 per person." He specifically states that this estimate includes costs "incurred by other organizations such as the FBI ..."

I find this shocking, if true. Is this the case? Do we have such cavalier approaches to issuing Secret clearances such that the entire process cost \$11.17?

I would like to add that I have thought of writing to you several times over the past year. Once to commend you for the Abscam operation, a program for which the FBI received severe criticism and a program whose merits I admired. More recently I was impressed to read of the Bureau's use of a billboard as a wanted poster. A minor thing perhaps but nonetheless creative, and I hope, effective. Such initiatives speak well of the FBI, and of your leadership.

My respects,

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cc Captain Z. L. Newcomb
Hq., Naval Material Command

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Public Response Re Alberson
11/12, 1982
Hon. William H. Webster
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
FBI Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:
Please permit me to
express my thanks &
appreciation, and whole-hearted
support for your administration
of the F.B.I. re: the Alberson
Investigation

You must "defend the
Constitution against all
~~offenses~~ ^{offenses}, domestic &
foreign, so help you God!"
and you are doing just
that! + God Bless You!
Sincerely,

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Amnd appreciate
Thank you

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P.S. A list of those 10 best
Alberson spy novels available

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DEAR SIR:

JUST READ IN THIS MORNING'S PAPER ABOUT THE SENATE INVESTIGATION OF YOUR DEPARTMENT. THEY OUGHT TO HANG THEIR HEADS IN SHAME.

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(DAS)

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KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK NOT IN THE PAST CATCHING THE CROOKS IN CONGRESS AND ALL OVER HIGH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. YOUR DOING A GREAT JOB. A POOR TAXPAYER.

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We thought you might be interested in the following Editorial Comment by Ed Lasko, Vice President and General Manager of the KCRG Stations. This Editorial will be scheduled on both KCRG-TV and KCRG RADIO on December 30, 1982.

OUTSIDE SOURCE

THE ABSCAM INVESTIGATIONS OF A FEW YEARS AGO REVEALED TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE THAT SOME PUBLIC OFFICIALS WERE WILLING TO SELL THEIR SERVICES FOR THE RIGHT PRICE. THE SCANDAL ALSO RAISED THE POSSIBILITY THAT THERE MAY BE OTHER CORRUPT OFFICIALS AS YET UNDETECTED.

A RECENT REPORT BY A SPECIAL SENATE COMMITTEE IMPLIES THAT THEY EXIST. THE BIPARTISAN COMMITTEE SAYS THAT UNDERCOVER OPERATIONS ARE NECESSARY TO FIND CORRUPTION IN HIGH PLACES.

*Public Response Re
Abscam*

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THE COMMITTEE SAID THAT WHILE THE ABSCAM INVESTIGATION CREATED UNNECESSARY RISKS TO CIVIL LIBERTIES, INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS WERE NOT VIOLATED. IT SAID THE GOOD OUTWEIGHED THE BAD IN THE FBI PROBE.

(CHANGE CAMERA)

THIS QUALIFIED ENDORSEMENT OF ABSCAM OPENS THE WAY FOR FUTURE UNDERCOVER OPERATIONS AIMED AT THOSE IN PUBLIC OFFICE WILLING TO TAKE BRIBES.

THE FBI SHOULD CONTINUE ITS INVESTIGATIONS ON A REGULAR BASIS. IT COULD HELP REMOVE CORRUPT OFFICIALS FROM OFFICE, AND AT THE SAME TIME MAKE HONESTY IN OFFICE A LOT MORE

POPULAR.

THAT'S TV 9'S VIEW. LET US KNOW YOURS BY WRITING TO THE KCRG-TV EDITORIAL BOARD.

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Dear Justice Dept,

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 it in any dictionary
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BOROUGH OF HADDONFIELD

242 KING'S HIGHWAY, EAST
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November 18, 1982

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The President of the United States
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

In light of the recent disclosures concerning the Justice Department's handling of the "Abscam" sting operation, we beseech you to take appropriate action.

It now appears that evidence exists, supporting the late Kenneth MacDonald's innocence on bribery charges in this case. As former colleagues of Mr. MacDonald, we feel that his tragic victimization in this investigation exemplifies a blatant misuse of federal authority. An overzealous Justice Department, hungry for a tidy conviction, cost MacDonald his career, pride, and untold family anguish.

Our appeal to the Executive Office is four-fold. First, we urge that you take a stricter stance concerning the misuse of federal authority at any level. Improprieties such as this one cannot be permitted to continue.

Secondly, we encourage the prompt and thorough completion of the investigation into the Abscam operations, examining the roles of Mr. MacDonald and the Justice Department officials very carefully.

Next, appropriate steps should be taken to completely clear Kenneth MacDonald's name of any guilt in this operation.

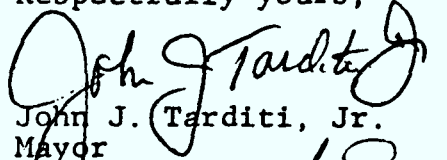
Lastly, we request that some personal contact be made with Mr. MacDonald's family. They have suffered a great deal, and would find comfort in knowing that the President of the United States is personally interested in setting the record straight.

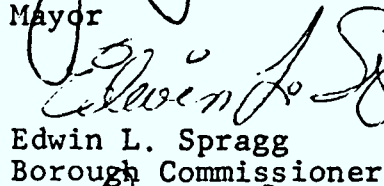
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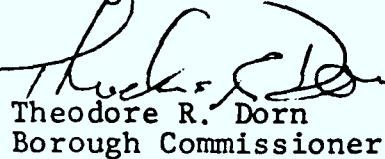
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We thank you for your assistance in this very important matter.

Respectfully yours,


John J. Tarditi, Jr.
Mayor


Edwin L. Spragg
Borough Commissioner


Theodore R. Dorn
Borough Commissioner

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cc: Hon. Nicholas Brady, U. S. Senator
Hon. Bill Bradley, U. S. Senator
Hon. Frank Lautenberg, U. S. Senator
Hon. James J. Florio, Member of Congress

Dec. 22, 1982

ited States Senate,
Washington, D.C. 20510
Senator Alan Cranston,
Dear Senator;

OUTSIDE SOURCE

Public Response Re Abscam

I thought you might be interested in this item published in The Pittsburgh Press 12 - 21 - 82. I was quite impressed by the endorsement of James Neal, the committee's lawyer, "Not perfect but pretty good."

When a committee headed by a Senator, Charles Mathias, investigates the F.B.I.'s Abscam's part in turning up crooks in both the Senate and the House and finds the results "pretty good" I would say, not pretty good, but nigh on to perfect. My faith in the F.B.I. remains undiminished.

By the way I see your former colleague, Harrison Williams, is having his honesty doubted again.

My belief that our government is and has, for some time, been run by a gang of idiots hasn't changed. Would you care to attempt to disprove my contentions?

Yours truly,

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Mr. Roger S. Young;

I doubt if I hear from Senator Cranston but he was so sure the F.B.I. entrapped the crooks, especially his colleague Williams that I can't let a golden opportunity like this pass by.

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U.S. Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Mr. Roger S. Young 7116
Washington, D.C. 20535

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Abscam Vindicated

A U.S. Senate committee has concluded that the FBI's Abscam investigation wasn't so bad after all.

When the Senate was debating the ouster of New Jersey's Harrison Williams last spring, it sometimes seemed that the FBI was on trial and not the senator.

The Abscam operation, which netted six House members in addition to Sen. Williams, was called "sleazy" and described as "totally out of control."

The Senate was so overwrought at the FBI's invasion of Capitol Hill that it ordered a special committee to look into Abscam.

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The committee, headed by Maryland's Sen. Charles Mathias, now has weighed in with its report. And, lo and behold, it found that the victims' constitutional rights had not been violated.

The committee didn't find the Abscam operation flawless. But it did conclude that the FBI did not

An optimist is a person who thinks the "fresh-cut" yule tree won't lose 60 percent of its needles from tree lot to living room.

deliberately target members of Congress and that "each public official who received money directly or indirectly from an FBI undercover agent understood that the payment was a bribe."

Summing it up, a committee lawyer, James Neal, said that "the bottom line on Abscam" was that it was "not perfect, but pretty good."

The committee's chief counsel, Malcolm Wheeler, said Abscam's "most basic problem was that it was not tightly supervised and monitored."

The committee deserves credit for not going off as half-cocked as some of Abscam's most vociferous critics in the Senate did.

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It is to be hoped that the FBI will not be intimidated by the grilling it had to go through during the Senate's investigation of Abscam.

Membership in Congress in no way confers an immunity to scrutiny by law-enforcement officials.

Indeed, as holders of the public trust, Senate and House members should be held to an even higher degree of moral and ethical conduct than ordinary citizens.

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JANUARY 10, 1983

Public Response re Abscam

DIRECTOR OF FEDERAL BUREAU OF
INVESTIGATION
PENNSYLVANIA AVE. & 9th. STN.W.
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

Dear Sir;

I don't know how many citizens write and express their views on the jobs you fellows do, but I know I have talked to many people that seemed pleased at the job you did on this ABSCAM.

I for one commend your department, and hope there are those in Government have also. Your work has sought out some of those in office that should not have been there, and whether or not the American Public realize it or not, you have done them a service. Thank you.

When I hear those complain that there was entrapment in seeking out as you did, it makes me boil, and I have taken the liberty to express my views to the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence.

Keep up the good work. I remain.

Respectfully,

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Public Response Re ABSCAM

ATTN DIRECTOR WILLIAM H WEBSTER

YOUR UNDERCOVER ABSCAM OPERATIONS ARE COMMENDABLE AND REALLY INTELLECTUAL AND INNOVATING. AS A RED-BLOODED AMERICAN LAW-ABIDING CITIZEN MAY I MAKE A SUGGESTION: START USING IT ON YOUR OWN EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING YOURSELF, THEN TURN THIS REPORT - IF YOU MADE IT - TO THE SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE, FOR EVALUATION AND SUMMARY AND A REPORT TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. THEN I THINK WE'LL ALL FEEL SAFE.

I AM SENDING A COPY OF THIS TELEGRAM TO THE SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE SO THEY MAY KNOW WE'RE ALL INTERESTED IN YOUR WORK. DON'T BOTHER TO CHECK ME OUT, 'CAUSE I HAVE NOTHING TO HIDE, IF YOU CAUSE ME ANY PROBLEMS JUST BECAUSE OF THIS SUGGESTION I KNOW WHO TO CALL.

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BOROUGH OF HADDONFIELD

242 KINGS HIGHWAY, EAST
HADDONFIELD, NEW JERSEY-08033

January 31, 1983

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C.B.
The President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Re: Kenneth MacDonald

Dear Mr. President:

On November 18, 1983 the Borough Commissioners of Haddonfield wrote to you concerning the tragic manner in which the U. S. Government handled our past Mayor Kenneth MacDonald. Since then we have received the following relative to this matter:

1. December 17, 1982 letter from J. Steven Rhodes, Special Assistant to the President for Intergovernmental Affairs, acknowledging our correspondence. Mr. Rhodes indicated he was forwarding our letter to the Justice Department for their consideration and direct reply.
2. January 11, 1983 letter from Oliver B. Revell, Assistant Director, Criminal Investigation (FBI), U. S. Department of Justice. Mr. Revell stated that "the Select Committee rejected the contention that the government had improper motives in indicting MacDonald".

We do hope that the above is not the extent of a response to be received from your office. The preponderance of information relative to ABSCAM and particularly the late Mayor Kenneth MacDonald, creates significant questions as to the appropriateness of both the FBI investigation and activities, and also the entire process of the Grand Jury operation. For your information I am attaching a recent news article from the (Camden) Courier-Post concerning the activities of ABSCAM Prosecutor, Thomas Puccio. We are also attaching copies of the letter received from Mr. Rhoades and Mr. Revell.


Mr. President, the more we read about the activities of our FBI and our Grand Jury, the more we are convinced that our enforcement and judicial system has perpetrated a significant injustice to the late Mayor Kenneth MacDonald and his family. Ken MacDonald gave many years of his life in service to Haddonfield, the State of New Jersey and our nation. Unfortunately, a few overzealous federal officials have created a nearly unerasable taint on the reputation of the fine man.

We realize you are very busy, but we also realize that Kenneth MacDonald was not too busy when the many calls for his public service came. Therefore, we are respectfully (again) requesting you review this unfortunate series of events, and when you do, we fully expect you will:

1. Invoke stricter controls over misuse of federal authority at any level;
2. Complete the high level review of the FBI's and Federal Prosecutor's activities in ABSCAM, and particularly Mr. Kenneth MacDonald;
3. Determine that former Mayor Kenneth MacDonald was guilty only of giving much of his life to serve all of us and guilty of nothing of a criminal nature;
4. Publicly and meaningfully make contact with Mr. Kenneth MacDonald's family, apologizing for the governmental excesses that helped lead to Mr. MacDonald's death.

Mr. President, as one of your predecessors stated - "The Buck Stops Here" - and that is at your office. Former Mayor Kenneth MacDonald gave very much to our country and committed no criminal activities. His family deserves an immediate apology, even if it requires our government to admit that it engaged in illegal and inappropriate activities in the ABSCAM investigation and prosecution. Your efforts in Mr. MacDonald's situation will be greatly appreciated and most appropriate!

Respectfully yours,


John J. Tarditi, Jr.,
Mayor

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cc: Hon. Bill Bradley, U. S. Senator
Commissioner Theodore Dorn
Hon. James J. Florio, M.C.
Hon. Frank Lautenberg, U. S. Senator
Commissioner Edwin Spragg
Mr. J. Steven Rhodes, White House Staff

Attachments (4)

Abscam prosecutor accused of abusing office

By RALPH SODA
Gannett News Service

WASHINGTON — A highly regarded, nationally circulated legal magazine has accused former chief Abscam prosecutor Thomas Puccio of revealing secret grand jury proceedings related to the FBI operation.

The charge is contained in an article in the current issue of *The American Lawyer*, a prestigious monthly magazine for the legal fraternity with a circulation of more than 25,000 subscribers, most of them lawyers and judges.

The article, written by Steven Brill, editor and publisher of the magazine, accuses Puccio of prosecutorial abuses in connection with other federal undercover stings as well. He notes specifically the cocaine arrest of automotive entrepreneur John DeLorean and the charges of theft of electronic trade secrets by employees of Japan's Hitachi Ltd.

The celebrated Abscam investigation into political corruption produced the conviction on bribery and conspiracy charges of 19 persons, including seven members of Congress.

While he was interviewing Puccio in connection with Abscam, Brill charges, the former prosecutor confided to him details of the secret grand jury proceedings that resulted in the bulk of the Abscam indictments.

"It's not a major transgression, but arguably, in the

hands of an able, eager prosecutor, enough to be a violation of rule 6E of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure — which constitutes criminal contempt of court," Brill writes.

"Thomas Puccio has successfully been stung, though only in print."

In explanation, Brill told Gannett News Service (GNS) that, if he had approached Puccio as an adversary, instead of as an agreeable luncheon companion with mutual professional interests, he might not have gotten Puccio to be so indiscreet as to reveal the grand jury proceedings.

That Puccio was lulled into revealing them by Brill's friendly approach shows clearly how easily someone can be tricked into doing something they would not ordinarily do, Brill said.

And just such trickery might have been used by the government in developing its case in Abscam and other sting operations, Brill suggests in his article.

Puccio told GNS he had only "skimmed the article" and would reserve comment until he inquired further into the matter. He said the suggestion that he may have divulged secret grand jury testimony in violation of the law was "ridiculous."

But Brill stuck by his story.

"The story is true," he told GNS. "He discussed grand jury proceedings."

As an example, Brill wrote that he asked Puccio if former Sen. Harrison A. Williams Jr., D-N.J., a convicted Abscam defendant, had been called to testify before the grand jury that indicted him on bribery and conspiracy charges.

"Puccio told me he (Williams) did not testify," Brill said.

"I also asked him how the members of the grand jury reacted to the showing of the video tapes (of public officials accepting bribes from FBI undercover agents) and Puccio told me, 'Oh, they loved them.'"

"Things like that are secret," said Brill, "and shouldn't be discussed."

Brill said he made a point of reporting Puccio's discussion of confidential grand jury proceedings because it demonstrates how the enthusiasm of some prosecutors for headline-grabbing investigations could blind them to conduct on their part that might compromise the integrity of the criminal justice system.

Such conduct, he said, has been evident in the recent undercover scams orchestrated by the FBI and the Department of Justice and "might be unsettling to those who believe that prosecutors should care as much about justice and the integrity of the system as they do about filling jail cells."

Recent disclosures concerning the conduct of the Abscam investigation, he wrote, "provide clear, con-

vincing proof that Abscam was as much a scandal for the prosecutors as for the defendants."

"There is now strong evidence," Brill says, "that the prosecutors in charge of Abscam — Philip Heymann (former chief of the criminal division at Justice), Irvin Nathan (assistant U.S. attorney general in the criminal division) and Thomas Puccio — ruined the life of at least one innocent defendant (former New Jersey Casino Control Commission vice chairman Kenneth MacDonald), unfairly convicted several other utterly unsympathetic but not appropriately prosecutable public officials (such as Sen. Williams), and then stained the reputations of those professional prosecutors who had the guts to say, in internal memos of dissent, that the simple integrity of the system was more important than a sexy indictment or conviction."

Brill told GNS that, since publication of his article, he has received "numerous letters" from readers critical of the conduct of the FBI and federal prosecutors in the Abscam, DeLorean and Hitachi sting operations.

He said he has received one call complaining about his article from Puccio, and a "friendly" letter from FBI Director William Webster suggesting that, before he wrote his article, he should have read a recent court opinion in one of the Abscam cases finding that there was no entrapment. Brill said he had read the opinion cited by Webster.

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March 11, 1983

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Public Response Re Abscam

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Reagan:

I am interested in finding out the methods used by the F.B.I. during their ABSCAM investigations. I am specifically interested in knowing the answers to these questions.

What kind of law allows the F.B.I. to bribe people?

Why was the F.B.I. not indicted for attempted bribery?

Why is this type of procedure not considered entrapment?

Can any other agency in the Justice Department use this type of procedure to catch potential criminals?

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I would appreciate you answering these questions. I would also like you to send me any other information concerning this topic. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely yours,

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12 MAY 24 1983

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington D.C. 20500

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BOROUGH OF HADDONFIELD

242 KINGS HIGHWAY, EAST
HADDONFIELD, NEW JERSEY 08033

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April 19, 1983

Hon. Ronald Reagan
President of the United States
White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Re: Hon. Kenneth MacDonald

Dear Mr. President:

In 1982, Kenneth MacDonald of Haddonfield died, knowing he was a victim of Federal government excesses. These excesses, under the umbrella of "ABSCAM", an investigation designed to uncover corruption and influence - peddling in government, had their heaviest toll on Kenneth MacDonald.

In addition to his service to our country in the Armed Forces, Kenneth MacDonald gave many of his days and hours in public service - serving as Mayor of and Borough Commissioner in Haddonfield and a New Jersey Casino Control Commissioner. These were just three of the many responsibilities he assumed in trying to make government responsive, efficient and meaningful.

We know that Ken MacDonald is now with our Lord, as Ken did know Christ. Unfortunately, his family and friends still carry the burden of the false accusations and shame from ABSCAM. We believe that at the first anniversary of his death, it is about time something was done.

The Office of the President possesses great powers that can mobilize troops, money, support and sensitivities. We are asking that you order the necessary steps for our Federal government to absolve Ken MacDonald's name of all charges. Ken MacDonald spent the final tragic days of his life attempting to clear his name. You can complete that effort.

As I said in my last letter to you dated January 31, 1983 - "The Buck Stops Here" in your office. If it were in the power of my office, Mayor of the Borough of Haddonfield, I would order procedures to clear Ken's name and publicly apologize to his family and thank them for Ken's many years of public services. I have done what I can by writing to our country's highest elected official.

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Hon. Ronald Reagan

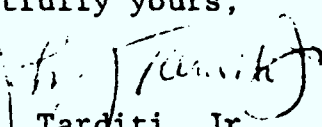
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April 19, 1983

In Haddonfield, we will be dedicating a new park at the entrance to our town in Ken's honor as well as hosting events honoring his name - a good name deserving of honor.

We would appreciate some acknowledgement that you did get to see this letter. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Respectfully yours,


John J. Tarditi, Jr.
Mayor

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