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To all participants of the 'abscam' affair.

I would like to say your job was well appreciated. It's nice to know that someone is faithful in doing their work, even when the going is tough.

Thank you
an American citizen

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March 16, 1980
 [Redacted], Calif.

Dear Judge Webster -

Public ~~RESPONSE~~ ^{RESPONSE} a quick note of thanks
 for (ABSCAM) and whatever else
 you can come up with to
 expose greedy criminals
 who pose as Congressmen.

It's very reassuring to know
 there are still people
 like you around. Keeps
 up the good work.

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(56-year old grandma
 who works & pays her
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[Redacted] III. Director, FBI, Washington DC

Sir: Heartly appreciation for "Abscam".
It contributed a national feeling of relief that at last we could look to some Government organization with clout, imagination and responsibility.
Keep up the good work!

Aloha

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March 22, 1980

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Honorable William H. Webster
 Federal Bureau of Investigation
 U.S. Department of Justice
 Washington, D.C.

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Dear Director:

Public Response Re Abscam

Just a note to let you know that the FBI's Abscam efforts are appreciated by the general public. These tactics should be used again with Members of Congress, the Executive Branch, and the Courts. Moreover, they should be extended to other levels of government and to private sector activities where appropriate.

I have no sympathy whatsoever for those Congressmen who have been implicated, although it is unfortunate that the information was released as soon as it was. I am very disappointed in the actions of the House Judiciary Committee in its criticism of the FBI's efforts in this area.

Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]
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W. H. Webster
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TO THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

DEAR SIR, Public Response Re Abscam

I AM AN AMERICAN CITIZEN OF ARAB DESCENT.

DESCENT

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RECENTLY I BECAME VERY UPSET AT THE WAY THE F.B.I. USED IN CHECKING THE MORALS OF OUR CONGRESSMAN AND SENATORS.

SURELY YOU COULD HAVE USED ANY OTHER ETHNIC ORIGIN TO ACCOMPLISH YOUR GOAL.

IT IS OBVIOUS THAT A PORTION OF THE ARAB WORLD IS MAKING MONEY ON THEIR MINERAL WEALTH, BUT IT DOES NOT MEAN

THAT THEY ARE CRIMINALS. PERSONALLY I AS AN AMERICAN DO CRITICIZE YOUR METHODS.

WE ARABS ARE A RACE OF PEOPLE PROUD OF OUR BACKGROUND JUST AS ANY OTHER RACE OF PEOPLE. MORE THAN A DECADE AGO I SERVED

IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE U.S.A. IN VIETNAM

AS AN AMERICAN AND AS AN ARAB. PRESENTLY I AM EMPLOYED BY G.M.C. [REDACTED] AS A

MACHINE OPERATOR AND REPAIR MAN. MY PERSONAL

FEELINGS MAY NOT AGREE WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICYS ESPECIALLY THOSE PERTAINING TO

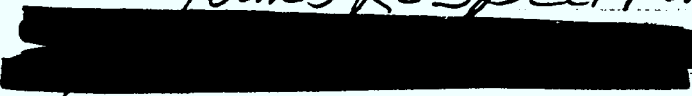
THE ARAB CAUSE. THIS LETTER WAS NOT WRITTEN TO WASTE MUCH OF YOUR TIME OR SOUND

THREATENING IN ANY WAY. THE INVESTIGATION YOU PERFORMED WAS DUTY BOUND, BUT THE ETHNIC

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IDENTITY YOU USED WAS MINE. THIS UPSET
ME VERY MUCH. THIS GOVERNMENT I BELIEVE
TO BE GREAT, BUT TO USE SUCH TACTICS IS UNHEARD
OF. WHY DID YOU BOTHER TO USE ANY ONE'S
ETHNIC IDENTITY? THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.
A CONCERNED ARAB AMERICAN CITIZEN.

Yours Respectfully,


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C.I.A. + F.B.I.
You both are doing a
good job, keep it up

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FBI lauded for Abscam

DEAR EDITOR:

As a voter and a taxpayer I would like to take this opportunity to thank the FBI on its recent findings of corruption against the U.S. senator, congressmen and other political figures. I hope the FBI will continue and will let the people know.

I feel that we, the American people, have the right to know about any elected senator, congressman or other political figures who turn to corruption for their own greed. I also feel that the people will not lose any further confidence in government than has already been lost; if anything it will open the eyes of the people at election time.

I just hope that those political figures who are found guilty are removed from office promptly. I hope the FBI will keep up its good work.

Margaret Harmon,
Lakewood

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To The Federal Bureau of Investigation

Dear Sir,

I am an American citizen of Arab descent. Recently I became very upset at the ploy the F.B.I. used in checking the morals of our Congressman and Senators. Surely you could have used any other ethnic origin to accomplish your goal. It is obvious that a portion of the Arab world is making money on their mineral wealth, but it does not mean that they are criminals. Personally I as an American do criticize your methods. We Arabs are a race of people proud of our background just as any other race of people. More than a decade ago I served in the Armed Forces of the U.S.A. in Vietnam as an American and as an Arab. Presently I am employed by G.M.C. [redacted] as a machine operator and repairman. My personal feelings may not agree with all the governments policys especially those pertaining to the Arab cause. This letter was not written to take up much of your time or sound threatening in any way. The investigation you performed was duty bound, but the ethnic indentity you used was mine. This upset me very much. This government I believe to be great, but to use such tactics is unheard of. Why did you bother to use any ones ethnic identity? Thank you for your time. A Concerned Arab American Citizen.

Yours Respectfully,

/s/ [redacted]

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OUTSIDE SOURCE

April 16, 1980

Mr. William Webster, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
J. Edgar Hoover Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The term "ABSCAM," used by the F.B.I. and the Justice Department to title their "STING" operation is an ill-conceived and thoughtless designation, which has cast unjust and unwarranted aspersions upon the character and integrity of all Arabs, both Arab Americans and Arabs around the world.

We Americans have a penchant for putting a label on everything. We are all individuals in the best American tradition as enunciated in the oldest documents of our republic.

Our government should not be using terms that prejudice any group or stereotype Arabs or Arab Americans.

Reflect upon the insertion of that name which characterizes your own ethnic, racial or religious group, such as, "JEWSCAM or PALSCAM." These are just a couple of the coined terms that are equally prejudicial designations, which, along with "ABSCAM," should be relegated to the realm of racist history. Eliminate the use of this term now. The upcoming Justice Department, Congressional, and State investigations will surely take a long time, this is too long a period for the term "ABSCAM" to be used. I am certain that with all the brain power, personnel and technology available to the government, a more appropriate, nonprejudicial term can be devised.

Mr. Webster, you have it within your power to strike a blow for our American ideals and against racism. I am asking you to refrain from using the term "ABSCAM," along with its' derogatory connotations.

I await to hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas J. Shire, Jr.
President

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Public Response Re. Abscam

Director
F.B.I.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

My friends, associates, and relatives seem to be quite concerned over the recent revelations of the ABSCAM scandal involving various members of Congress being compromised through bribery. Since I have been out of town for the past several months while this scandal was being hatched, would you kindly bring me up to date as to which members of Congress are involved and details thereof.

Yours sincerely,

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Director
F.B.I.
Washington, D.C.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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May 19, 1980

VIRGIN

Honorable William Proxmire
 United States Senate
 Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: FBI

Dear Bill:

Just in case you missed it, I enclose news clip from Monday's New York Times.

As a taxpayer who spends most of his time working for Uncle Sam when is all this type of "corruption" going to stop? How can Congress condone such actions by civil servants?

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

cc: Hon. William H. Webster

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F.B.I. Lent \$6 Million to Company That Helped With Secret Inquiries

WASHINGTON, May 11 (UPI) — The Federal Bureau of Investigation gave a New York contractor \$6 million in backing for a new Washington area construction company that the bureau used as a cover for investigations, including a still incomplete investigation of alleged payoffs in the construction industry, according to law enforcement officials.

Most of the money that the bureau put up to start the Olympic Construction Company has been returned to the Government, and the company is prospering. Its owner, Richard Muffoletto of Locust Valley, L.I., is concluding a relationship with the F.B.I. in which, he says, he spent about 20 hours a week helping three agents who posed as employees.

Federal officials said that the company and a subsidiary, Metropolitan Electric, also provided fronts in two other investigations, including the one known as Abscam, in which Congressmen allegedly took bribes.

Some F.B.I. officials said that they considered the plan a test to determine how far the bureau could go in providing financial aid to cooperative businessmen.

Fashioning its approach from the Central Intelligence Agency's use of private businesses, the bureau persuaded Mr. Muffoletto in early 1978 to allow agents to pose as company employees. Sources described Mr. Muffoletto as a trusted friend of the bureau who had for five years, without compensation, helped in investigations of corruption in New York City.

\$6 Million Posted by Bureau

Olympic and its subsidiary were formed in July 1978 and moved into luxurious quarters in Arlington, Va., a suburb of Washington. The law-enforcement sources said that the bureau posted \$6 million to help form the companies but that most of it was pledged to Olympic only on paper, in certificates of deposit. Asked if the bureau actually owned stock in his company, Mr. Muffoletto said that he was "the sole owner."

The \$6,023,785 listed as corporate assets — including \$8 million to be raised by sale of common stock, the F.B.I. money — enabled Mr. Muffoletto to present an impressive credit portfolio and to easily obtain the bonding needed to win more than \$8 million in Government contracts. He was entitled to use some money to help meet payroll and open offices, the sources said, and was entitled to keep about \$100,000 in "seed money" under a complex formula spelled out in a secret 78-page contract with the bureau. He was required to begin returning the rest of the money to the Government after about a year.

Bureau officials stressed that Olympic received no aid or preferential treatment in winning competitive bids on the three Federal contracts: for construction of a \$5 million testing laboratory at the Naval Research Laboratory; a \$2 million reptile house at the National Zoo, and a \$1 million water pollution facility in the District of Columbia. He boasts that he "saved the taxpayers a million dollars" by underbidding competitors.

Mr. Muffoletto, 40 years old, declined in a series of interviews to discuss specific

ics of his contract with the bureau. But he gave a brief statement saying it called for him "to provide an investigative backdrop and assist in the interpretation of complex, investigative matters."

Money Was Closely Watched

"This contract provided for various monies to be placed into the company by the bureau," he said. "The money was carefully monitored by the bureau. The vast bulk of the money has been returned, and provisions have been made for the eventual return of most of the money."

Sources said that bureau agents with accounting backgrounds posed as Olympic employees and strictly controlled company finances.

Mr. Muffoletto's company rented the Washington town house where undercover agents posing as associates of an Arab sheik were said to have videotaped members of Congress discussing payoffs. Mr. Muffoletto lived in the house with an agent, Lannie R. Crump, who posed as Olympic's secretary-treasurer, L. Robert Johnson. Mr. Crump was described as a key figure, because he was a close friend of Mr. Muffoletto. The two had worked closely starting in 1973 in winning convictions against two New York officials who tried to shake down Mr. Muffoletto.

Hidden cameras and microphones were installed at the house, where Olympic oversaw an expensive renovation. But sources said that it never was intended to be the scene of the Abscam payoffs. It was used for eight months as a site for meetings with potentially corrupt construction industry officials.

Meetings With Congressmen

Then, beginning in June 1978, Mr. Muffoletto was asked on certain nights to shift to a hotel. The house had become the setting of secret meetings with Congressmen, the law-enforcement officials said.

The bureau used Metropolitan Electric as a cover for a second investigation, which is still going on in another city.

Three agents of the bureau posed as employees of Olympic and Metropolitan, reporting for work each day. Mr. Muffoletto declines to say who paid their salaries or if they actually were doing work for the company. Olympic's regular employees were not made privy to the undercover operation and even Mr. Muffoletto was told few details, sources said.

Mr. Muffoletto said that when the bureau approached him he was planning to set up operations in Washington because business was declining in New York. He said that he balked at first at working again with the bureau, because of the time commitment and potential quarrels over how to run his business. Finally, he recalls deciding, "If I'm not going to do this, who's going to? The businessmen have to come forward to clean up these industries."

Ira Steinberg, president of Kors and Williams Inc., a competing contractor, said it was "unfair" that Mr. Muffoletto had money from the bureau. But Kenneth Richey, president of Associated Builders Inc., said, "If they're really trying to catch up with some crooked things, it would be the last person to accuse."

THE NEW YORK TIMES, MONDAY, MAY 11, 1981

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Public Response Re ABSCAM

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Questions:

- Basically, what is ABSCAM?
- How much was put into ABSCAM?
- Do you think the money ~~will~~ will prove to be beneficial?
- Was ABSCAM entrapment?
- Do you think ~~it~~ should be legalized?
- In what way ~~are~~ could those who are indicted which are coming up be treated?
- How are the rest involved going to be indicted if they are 63-17561-203
- Which laws were they violating?
- What is the most severe punishment possible for this & do you think any will get this punishment?
- What was the most severe punishment in the Watergate scandal?

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PUBLIC Response Re ABS@AM

Hi Bill -

Thought you would run a tighter ship -

Love [REDACTED]

NO too.

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Bill Webster, Director
 Federal Bureau of Investigation
 Department of Justice
 Constitution Ave. & 10th St., N. W.
 Washington, D. C. 20530

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by [redacted] Poet
Laurette of [redacted]

The FBI and the Justice Department gave us laughs on ABSCAM
In which a pretty Seeress from Florida has them in a jam!
Now we hear that the Secret Service agents were running madly
All over the White House to discern who or what set off the war-cry
Of a top secret security alarm. Up and down and around and around
They hopped and jumped and skipped not unlike a staghound!
Robyn the Seeress could have told them it was only a minor episode,
Because some dumb Democrat just pushed the wrong button on the commode!
I bet even Jehovah
Is saying, "Ha! Ha!"

Note by Poet: Have Webster, Civiletti, Adleman, Spivik and Kotelly
of the Department of Justice introduce you to the pretty and sharp
Robyn the Seeress.

Abscam's prosecutors dance

by [redacted] Post Laureate
of [redacted]

Sure hope Webster Civiiletti, Adleman, Spivik and Kotelly
In the Richard Kelly case aren't too cocky!
'Cause it surely looks like a clear case of entrapment!
The wheels-that-be in the Department of Justice have a scent
Of Carter Administration stupidity and bungling!
There's no doubt that Carter's political strategy is sterling!
But when it comes to running the country, Carter lacks the finesse.
You might say that Carter has gotten the country in its worst mess
That it has been in over two hundred years!
That rumbling which we hear is the tossing of our forebears!
I still think you should take Robyn the Seeress to the White House;
Robyn might be able to set Carter on a straight and narrow path
Right back to Plaines, Georgia where he can be a peanut shucking Goliath!
Heard tell pretty Robyn advised C-5 Kelly on Abscam way back last fall
Backing up Congressman Kelly's story of probing shady characters like a clarion-call!
Surely there's no law against a fortune teller telling,
And her story that she told a dozen more or less is most absorbing!
I think Robyn and Kelly have all of you hopping around like bunnies,
And to me that is much more humorous than any of today's funnies!
I bet even Jehovah
Is saying "Ha! Ha!"

I did not purposely omit John Kotelly, Deputy Chief of the Fraud Section of the Department
of Justice. After all at 41 and ten years of service, he is the senior prosecuting attorney.
I hope Roger Adelman's back has healed since his defeat in the Robinson case. A back injury
is no laughing matter; especially going into middle age at 38. Heard tell that Steve Spivack
is a bit nervous. Well at 34 and the junior prosecuting attorney facing an honest go gosh
Seeress would make just about anyone jittery. I have laughed at Kelly many years. He is a
character, but I'm sure he is telling the truth. And there is not a false strand in Robyn.
She is a jewel, honest as the day is long; and does not continually fib as does President Carter.
As I did not mention Kotelly in my first poem, I just had to write a sequel. I still think that
you should have tried to entrap all congress people, not just an unfavored few. I bet also
that you would have gotten some takers in the White House. Even before Carter's staff got
entrenched in the White House, many of his aides filed false travel/per diem claims! Most of
them are still there. Too bad you didn't tackle Tip O'Neill - his son supports Teddy Boy!

Ye here in [redacted] have never voted for Kelly; but primarily because his opposition was more
wield than he. We never could decide which was the lesser of two evils!

An enclosing copy of a little sonnet I composed for the Secret Service. As long as
you make pretty Robyn chase up to D. C., you might as well use her talents all around!

██████████ Arizona.
June 4, 1980.

OUTSIDE SOURCE

Federal Bureau of Investigation.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs: *Public Response RE Abscam*

Just a word about your Abscam operation, I don't think it is coming any to soon. I would like to know if and when the President pledges to buy 225,000 tons of copper in order to obtain a favorable vote from a senator if that would be bribery?

I would like for you to return the inclosed clipping, and if you need it in the future I'll be glad to send it back to you.

Sincerely,

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Arizona. ██████████

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THE ARIZONA DAILY STAR

Copper stockpiling runs into obstacles

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WASHINGTON — Back when Senate approval of the Panama Canal treaties was in question, the White House pledged to buy 225,000 tons of copper as a means of ensuring a vote in their favor from Sen. Dennis DeConcini, D-Ariz.

The Senate leadership has tried to take up a bill to implement this commitment and to make some changes in plans for the strategic stockpiling of copper, but a combination of objections has sidetracked the legislation indefinitely.

Perhaps most visibly, a pack of lobbyists has descended on the legislation, seeking to offer amendments that would call for the buying and selling of other commodities and thereby influencing their price.

In addition, Sen. William Proxmire, D-Wis., a constant foe of government spending, is opposed to the cost of the bill. And Sen. Gary Hart, D-Colo., doesn't want to link the buy-sell actions with policy changes contained in a companion measure.

Congressional approval may not come until next year.

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RE CONGRESSMAN RICHARD KELLY

GENTLEMEN

FOLLOWING STORY SEEMS LOGICAL AND POSSIBLY TRUE HOWEVER, THE NAMES WERE NOT CHANGED IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE INNOCENT IT'S NOT HARD TO VISUALIZE HOW ABSCAM STARTED. ONE DAY A TOP FBI EXECUTIVE, DEDICATED TO HIS JOB, CAME TO WORK ONE MORNING AND SAW A FEW CRIME INVESTIGATORS (CI'S) LOAFING AROUND ON TAX DOLLARS, AND HE ASKED, "DON'T YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO DO?" AND THE CI'S REPLIED "NO", AND AS QUICK AS THE CRACK OF A WHIP THE TOP EXECUTIVE SAID "WELL THEN FIND SOMETHING". SO THE CI'S SAW THERE WAS PLENTY OF MONEY IN THE BUDGET AND DECIDED THEY WOULD TRY TO ENTRAP AND ROT A FEW SHINY-APPLE-CONGRESSMEN. SO OFF THEY WENT TO SOME DARK ALLEY WITH THEIR BRIEFCASE FULL OF CASH... A FEW WEEKS OR MAYBE MONTHS WENT BY AND THEY THOUGHT THEY HAD DONE A PRETTY GOOD JOB OF MAKING SHINING-APPLE-CONGRESSMEN TAKE BAD MONEY (AND OF COURSE, WHO IS TO SAY THEY DIDN'T GET A LITTLE FOR THEMSELVES)

TO MAKE A LONG STORY SHORT

THE ABSCAM DEAL LEAKED OUT AND ONE OF THE SHINING-APPLE-CONGRESSMEN (RICHARD KELLY) HAD A REALLY CRAZY EXCUSE FOR WHY HE WENT ALONG WITH ABSCAM. HE SAID "I WAS DOING MY OWN INVESTIGATION...."

HE (A CONGRESSMAN OF OUR GREAT NATION) WANTED TO FIND OUT WHO WAS BEHIND SUCH A CRIMINAL OFFENSE TO OUR GREAT COUNTRY

22 JUL 31 1980

WELL, IF YOU DO NOT KNOW RICHARD KELLY YOU WOULD PROBABLY THINK HE WAS CRAZED AND OUT OF HIS MIND, BUT IF YOU KNOW RICHARD KELLY YOU WOULD KNOW HE IS ABOUT THE ONLY CONGRESSMAN THAT STILL BELIEVES IN "THE IMPOSSIBLE DREAM", THAT HE TAKES CARE OF HIS PEOPLE (FLORIDIANS), THAT HE MEANS WHAT HE SAYS, AND SAYS WHAT HE MEANS (IT'S A WONDER CHRYSLER DIDN'T HAVE HIM BUMPED OFF)

CERTAINLY DOESN'T SEEM FAIR THAT ABSCAM DIDN'T LAST A LITTLE LONGER SO CONGRESSMAN KELLY COULD COMPLETE HIS INVESTIGATION AND INDICT THE FBI FOR BRIBING CONGRESSMAN

I CAN HEAR THE FBI'S REPLY TO THE INDICTMENT NOW... "WE WERE DOING OUR OWN INVESTIGATION..."

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Readers write

Presidential orders

Eight years ago, we had Watergate. Today we have Abscam.

In Watergate, the President of the United States, as the chief executive, directed his FBI to limit an investigation of a crime committee. It met with the universal moral indignation of all authorities in politics, in the news media, in the legal profession, and in the academic world.

In Abscam, the President directs his FBI instead to investigate crimes committed, to tempt the representatives of the people, in Congress, in accepting bribes (of money paid by the people in taxes). Then he directs his Attorney General to prosecute them and try to put them in jail. So far, this has met with the general approval of the same authorities.

I have talked about this with quite a few people and everybody seems confused about why the first is worse than the second. Can anybody enlighten us?

Concord, Mass. Pieter J. van Heerden

The Washington Post _____
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 The Los Angeles Times _____

Christian Science Monitor

Date 7-21-80

ASAC Weldon Kennedy, Boston, called and left the following name and address for you:

Pieter J. VanHeerden
308 Holden Wood Road
Concord, Mass. 01742

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Aug 30, 1980

Special Response to Abscam

Dear Mr. Director,

Congratulations on the recent Abscam convictions. They are a stunning victory for the F. B. I. and the people. The tarnished image of the F. B. I. is lustrous once again.

(SK)

As a member of the I. R. S., I am aware of a similar struggle within the Service to get approval and funding to go after the "big fish" rather than the "small fry." The reflected glory of the Bureau's deeds will help us in our fight.

I plan on writing to my congressional representatives and to President Carter urging increased funding for Abscam type operations of the F. B. I.

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Sincerely yours,

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DIRECTOR OF F.B.I.
7. THE F.B.I.
WASHINGTON D.C.

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F.B.I. GENTLEMEN & LADIES OUTSIDE SOURCE

THANK YOU FOR BEING
F.B.I. AGENTS. THIS IS JUST
A UNAUTHORIZED LETTER OF
APPROVAL TO WHAT I THINK IS
THE BEST POLICE AGENCY IN THE
WORLD. YOUR ABSCAM OPERATION
SHOULD BE JUST THE BEGINNING OF
A ~~NO~~ NO HOLDS BARRED WAR
ON CORRUPTION & BRIBARY WHERE EVER
IT IS. PLEASE DO NOT BE
INTIMIDATED BY THE HEAT FROM
THE OTHER CROOKED POLITICIANS
WHO ARE TRYING TO PROTECT
THEMSELVES. I HOPE EACH AND
EVERY AGENT REALIZES THAT YOU
ARE THE LAST HOPE TO PURGE
OUR GREAT COUNTRY FROM THE
THIEVES, CROOKS, THAT ARE TRYING
TO KILL AMERICA FROM WITHIN.
THANK YOU ALL FOR MY FAMILY
MY FRIENDS & ALL AMERICANS WHO
LOVE THERE COUNTRY. (95%) PLEASE
DO NOT BE DISCOURAGED BY ANYONE
IN THE NOBLE CAUSE THAT HAS
BEEN ENTRUSTED TO YOU & ALL
HONEST MEN.

Public Response to Abscam

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THE [REDACTED] FAMILY
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P.S. GIVE NO QUARTER OR PATIENCE TO CRIME
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September 1, 1980

OUTSIDE SOURCE

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Director William H. Webster
 Federal Bureau of Investigation
 Washington, DC

Dear Sir:

Public Response To Abscam

As a hard-working, honest, tax-payer of this great Nation, I should like to thank you and your agents for the fine and thorough work in the Abscam Operation..

I wholeheartedly approve of your tactics in that Operation.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

cc: Rep. Richard T. Schulze
 Sen. H. John Heinz
 Sen. Richard S. Schweiker

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

OUTSIDE SOURCE

Public Response to Abscam

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Dear Mr. Webster,

I am a lieutenant in the [redacted] County Sheriff's office and a person interested in good government and professional law enforcement. I am writing to express my appreciation and approval for the new direction the F.B.I. seems to be heading. I am referring to the ABSCAM cases, other sting operations and the apparent new emphasis in attacking organized crime.

Recently I was discussing these perceptions of the F.B.I. with my Sheriff, [redacted] and we agreed that this kind of activity by the F.B.I. is inspirational to us. I hope you keep it up, especially in the case of organized crime and white collar crime.

Sincerely,

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[Redacted] High School

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Public Response to Abscam

Mr. William Webster, Director
 Federal Bureau of Investigation
 9th Street and Pennsylvania Ave. N.W.
 Washington D.C. 20535

Dear Mr. Webster:

I am very interested in the ABSCAM project in which you recently took part. What I would like to know is how you avoided the entrapment issue. Couldn't the victims of ABSCAM file charges against you for entrapment?

Also, do you think there might a prejudice against you when congress makes out your budget? Isn't it possible that they might be bitter towards your department because of what you did to some of the congressmen?

I would be most appreciative if you could take the time to answer these questions.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

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 [Redacted] OHIO

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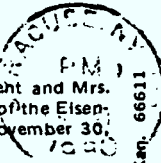
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PRESIDENT AND MRS. DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

This photograph was taken of President and Mrs. Eisenhower in the Presidential Room of the Eisenhower Library during their visit of November 30, 1967.



POST CARD

Dear Mr. Webster,
You and the FBI are doing a great job in Abscam trials. So keep up the good work and catch more dishonest public officials in Washington and all over the country.

Address
63-17561-
William H. Webster
FBI Director
U.S. Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Thanks,

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PUBLIC RESPONSE RE ABSCAM

THE FOLLOWING MAILGRAM WAS SENT TO:

HONORABLE "TIP O'NEILL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
CAPITOL HILL
WASHDC 20515

AND
HONORABLE ROBERT BYRD, SPEAKER
UNITED STATES SENATE
CAPITOL HILL
WASHDC 20510

AND
HONORABLE WARREN BURGER, CJ
UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT
CAPITOL HILL
WASHDC 20543

"GENTLEMEN:

ABSCAM - A CARTER'S ENEMY LIST DESIGNED TO COVER-UP EXPOSURE OF
ATTEMPTED \$150,000,000,000 THEFT FROM THE PUBLIC DOMAIN, THE
THEFT OF \$150,000,000 FROM BANK SHAREHOLDERS, MARKET
MANIPULATIONS (DOWNGRADING UR MILITARY WEAPONS), SABOTAGING A
DOMESTIC AIRLINER,
AND MASS MURDER DURING THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION.

WE HAVE JUST TALKED TO REPRESENTATIVE MICHAEL MYERS' OFFICE AND
MAYOR ANGELO ERRICETTI OF CAMDEN, N.J. WE ARE CONVINCED THAT
THE ABSCAM CHARGES AND CONVICTIONS AGAINST THESE MEN WERE
MANUFACTURED ILLEGAL ENTRAPMENTS AGAINST A "HIT LIST" OF
CARTER'S ENEMIES WITH A FEW BY-STANDERS THROWN IN FOR DISGUISE
AND SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED TO OFF-SET THE CHARGES WHICH WE
PLACED BEFORE YOU GENTLEMEN AGAINST CARTER A YEAR AGO.
YOU WILL RECALL THAT CARTER IS ONLY IN OFFICE TODAY BECAUSE
WE BACKDROPPED IN DIFFERENCE TO MONDALE'S STUPIDITY.
(IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT WE WERE FEEDING INFORMATION TO THE
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ON THE OIL DEAL LONG BEFORE THE ORIGINS
OF THE ABSCAM.)

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IF THERE IS ANYONE WHO IS GUILTY OF THE ABSCAM, IT IS CARTER, BELL, CIVILLETTI, AND WEBSTER, THESE MEN ARE GUILTY OF USING THE FULL POWER OF THEIR OFFICE IN A FUTILE ATTEMPT TO COVER-UP THE GREATEST CRIMES IN HISTORY AGAINST THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND ANYONE WHO KNOWINGLY BACKS THEIR PLAY IS NO LESS GUILTY OF THESE SAME CRIMES.

UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, WE ASK YOU TO GRANT MICHAEL MYERS A TWO WEEK STAY TO ANSWER THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE ABSCAM CHARGES.

RESPECTFULLY,

(SIGNED) JAMES B. ANDERSON, P.E. ---CHAIRMAN
COMMITTEE FOR RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT"

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September 19, 1980

Mr. William Webster, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
10th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington D.C. 20535

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Dear Mr. Webster:

Recently in the news, your department has come out in focus with your "Sting" operations. The latest, of course, is the "ABSCAM" operation.

Being a senior in high school, I became interested in those operations. With research done, I have formulated some questions that I would appreciate some answers to.

First off, I would like to know how long di it actually take to plan an operation like "ABSCAM" before the operation was executed? Also, how much money was needed for its implementation.

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Another question is that how much money was recovered, if any at all, in bribes paid out to congressmen after the operation was revealed to the public.

The answers to these questions will help me to have a better understanding of one part of your operation of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and these answers would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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c/o [Redacted] HIGH SCHOOL
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Mr. Clarence Kelly
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington DC

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Dear Mr. Kelly:

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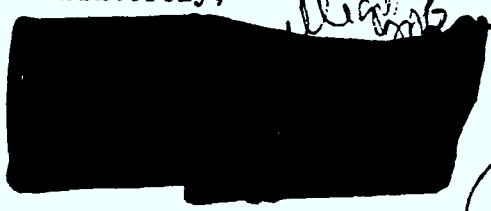
Since verdicts have begun coming in on the ABSCAM cases, you may have received some adverse comment on your Bureau's handling of the investigation.

I would hope, however, you have received even more favorable comment. The entrapment issue may be argued at some length - no doubt will be - but it appears to me your people were justified in their methods.

Sincerely,

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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Congratulations to the FBI on ABSCAM. Catch a crook any legal way you can. Just catch them.

Why is it that the senior members of the Maffia are so well known, including their crimes, but they are still on the loose? This is a major disaster. These criminals are well worth the FBI's attention.

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

FBI
WASH. D.C.

DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D.C.

DEAR SIR:

Public Response TO ABSCAM

THIS IS A BRIEF NOTE FROM A CITIZEN TO TELL YOU HOW MUCH WE APPRECIATE THE WORK THAT YOU HAVE DONE, AND THOSE WHO WORK WITH YOU, IN THE RECENT ABSCAM BATTERY INVESTIGATIONS IN THIS PAST YEAR. WE COMMEND YOU FOR YOUR DILIGENCE AND INTEREST, AND WE THANK YOU, BOTH I AND MY FAMILY, FOR THE PROTECTION THAT YOU AFFORD US IN HIGH PLACES THAT WE COULD NEVER HAVE TO INFLUENCE. THUS, WE HAVE AN ANSWER TO THE AGE OLD QUESTION, "WHO WILL PROTECT US FROM OUR PROTECTORS?" AND THE ANSWER IS, "THE F.B.I."

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Re: Public Response Re Abseam

I am watching Video Tapes on C.B.S.

T.V. W.B.T.W. Channel 13 Florence

on your Abseam

So many venerable people
who can be easily persuaded

(John)

I feel so sorry for them.

I still say this whole thing

stinks like a pile of Camel

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Dung. The one's who instigated this
scheme will have to answer to God one day.

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(Looney)

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The Federal Bureau of Investigations

The Justice Department

Public Response To Abscam

To Whom this may concern,

My name is [REDACTED] I am currently enrolled in a college prep high school; as a senior.

As a project for my civics class I would like any and all information on ABSCAM and the people involved with this scandal. If it is not too much to ask I would like to have this information as soon as possible.

(JMG)

At this time I would like to express my deepest appreciation for your time, effort, and cooperation.

Sincerely

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Public Response Re Abscam

Re: Monkey business AMSCAM

13 Oct. 1980

What in the hell are you guys doing anyway? What have you got against this man, Michael Myers anyway in that you did tempt him to take a bribe? God, Almighty, you ^{would} have done the same thing if the table was in reverse. Right? Shitasshole! \$50 grand is nothing to sneeze at. Right? Take all your tapes and wire tapping to hell with you. It's all nothing but circumstantial evidence anyway. So, give all this bullshit to CBC. They'll make good use of it being they are nothing but newsmongers anyway; just like your moneymongers. Myers should get you for illegal break-in and defamation of character. Also, all those corrupt judges who use informants, etc. to determine the destiny of the victim, in order that the police and detectives, ~~start~~ don't have to put out sweat and do their job, can go to hell too! The man that should be put out for good was the Republican homosexual! What good is he for - only your asshole! Get the right "rotten-apple out!"

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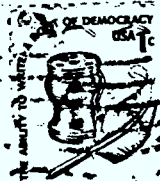
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The Big Forefathers must be turning
in their graves at you c*itters who
are not in authority. What a legacy
they left you that you don't come
anywhere near to deserve. Right?

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Edgar G. Hoover Building
Washington, D.C.

P.S. Its high time you start thinking with and
use your heads and not your asses.
Of all the outrageous crimes being com-
mitted against persons and their property,
which the local police do very little about,
if anything, because there's no big money in it.
Yet you have time to piddle around
and make a lot of horse shit to spread around
for manure fermentation.

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Estemed Ladies and Gentlemen,
 Public Response Re Abscam

I have just had my first look at the Abscam tapes on T.V. and I want you to know that I am for you one hundred percent. Thank God, we have a group of honorable people like you protecting our country.

It is very amusing to hear them cry foul and entrapment. My mentors during my youth always told me that you can not bribe or entrap an honest man. Now there are those who would have us believe otherwise.

I just want you to know that there are many of us who think that you are doing a fine job, and if there is any attempt to restrain you through legislation or reduction of funding, we will back you to the limit with letters and phone calls to our elected officials.

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It is long past due that the ordinary citizen had a champion monitoring our elected officials. I think it is time for the backroom politics and under the table deals to come to an end.

Thank you



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Director
 United States Dept. of Justice
 Federal Bureau of Investigation
 Washington, D.C. 20535

Public Response

[Redacted] N.J.

my Dear Sir: Re Abscam

The Abscam investigation was a breath of fresh air in the smoke filled rooms of sleepy politics. The agents of your office should be decorated for their professional expertise and courage in uncovering the corruption that pervades our government.

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As a Disabled Vietnam Veteran, active member of the Disabled American Veterans Chapter [Redacted] in [Redacted] New Jersey and Masters Graduate of the [Redacted] College [Redacted] 6/78; I salute you and your men for their vigilance in ensuring that our representatives do the job they were elected to do. 63-17561-187

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Wishing you much success, I am and remain,

CORRESPONDENCE

Very truly yours,

[Redacted signature block] N.J.

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Oct 14, 1980

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Public Response Re: Abscam

Dear Mr. Webster,

I am overjoyed, and
busting with renewed faith
and pride at the outcome of
the Abscam case, thus far

you Sir, as Director
and all the Agents involved
with operation "Abscam" are
to be commended for the
outstanding job you've done up
to this point, but I strongly
feel, that the surface has
just been barely touched.

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I would imagine, that
for the time being, the graft
taking won't stop completely
in Washington, but will certainly
slow down a heck of a lot.

I have always felt
saddened and personally
insulted by the wrong doings

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 going on, in our nations Capital.
 With dedicated officials
 like yourself (including Agents
 of our F.B.I. and Secret Service
 Etc.) our great nation has a
 good chance of becoming a
 respected Country again, with
 renewed confidence toward us
 from the people and our allies.

Mr. Webster, none of us
 including yourself are gullible
 enough to think, that we can
 stop the buying of our officials
 completely, but we can curtail
 it to such a degree, with
 investigations and fines, jail
 terms or expulsion from certain
 offices, that the taking of graft
 wouldn't look so tempting. and
 I believe that, could only be
 contributed to the fear of
 being detected by honorable
 officials such as yourself.

Keep up the Good
 Work.

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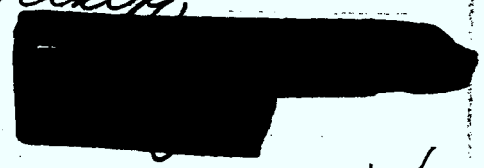
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We the people of the United States of America, without a doubt, are Grateful and Thankful.

Sincerely,



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Public Response To AbSCAm Oct 21, 1980

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C. 20535

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Dear Federal Bureau of Investigation

My class is studying on Congress
and Congressman. When we heard about
ABSCAm I got an assignment. I watched
the news but it didn't have enough
information I needed so I'm writing you
this letter to find out more. My question
is: What are the Congressmen who didn't fall
to ABSCAm?

Sincerely Yours,

[Redacted] Middle School
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Mr. Wm. H. Webster
FBI. *Public Response To Abscam*
Washington, D.C.
Dear Mr. Webster

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Doesn't the smallness of the Abscam affair upset you? As the director don't you find that it makes your men seem like a bunch of nothing?

Are they so afraid of tackling the vicious men in the government - so that they take it out on the small fry?

Hasn't the affair degraded the FBI? - or are they so low they don't feel degraded when they attack little people.

(I should know that they attack the innocent to
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that they are displeased with ones acceptance of their behavior.) But you were supposed to upgrade their behavior is that only small talk?

How could you allow the prosecution of such small people and allow them to go to prison for years? They ^(FBI) did nothing against a vicious killer who held a government office - when he stole millions? They are still playing "little boy games" in handling that affair.

How can you accept such low caliber thinking of your men - or have the mafia family taken over men who can think - America seems to be their country now - even one of the candidates for the presidency sits with one of the "family" boys openly.

and considers himself a would-be
savior of the country.

What a crime that our
country is becoming more
and more an instrument
of the most vicious.
Truly.

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Director of the FBI
Washington, D.C.

Sir, ⁰Public Response Re Abscam

When the ABSCAM story broke I was very pleased to say the least. I was happy to see that your organization would help to fight the so called "white collar crime", as well as the poor "blue collar crime. Of course with our federal judges sending the white collar criminals to country clubs like Maxwell AFB and giving somewhat lesser penalties than they do to the regular blue collar criminal, your job may seem a bit fruitless to you.

Let me assure you that the job that you are doing is one to be very proud of. I as one citizen out here in the real world would like to thank you and say you have done a great job. I saw the airing of your ABSCAM tapes on Mr. Myers the 14th, beautiful. You just plain caught him dirty! I hope that when other tapes come available that you will allow them to be shown publicly. It really is an eye opener, especially to those who may be naïve, to see your organizationat work catching those we have elected to serve us, taking bribes.

Keep up the good work. I hope that you will nail more of our crooked politicians so that they will go straight if for no other reason, than the fact that they might be worried about getting caught. Let them cry the motto "scared straight".

Cordually,

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Mr. William Webster
FBI Director
Department of Justice
Constitution Avenue & 10th St. N. W.
Washington D. C. 20530

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Dear Mr. Webster:

Public Response re ABCAM

I am a senior Civics student at [redacted] High School. Each student is required to select a subject pertaining to our government. Hopefully, I may impose upon you for your assistance in this project. My subject title is ABCAM.

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I am most interested in learning your opinion regarding the ABCAM project. To be more specific, would you answer the following questions:

1. Do you feel your office was correct in its methods in ABCAM?
2. Do you believe the ABCAM incident has been blown out of proportion, if so, then why?

I will appreciate any assistance which you or your staff may offer in my behalf.

Sincerely yours,

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Mr. Roger S. Young
The Media Office, FBI
9th & Pennsylvania
WDC 20535

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a Public Response to ABC's

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Dear Mr. Young:

I'm a retired FBI SA (1937-72).

I'm enclosing, for your information,
a copy of a letter to Tom Brokaw of Today Show.

Should I get a reply, ~~may~~ do you want a
copy?

Sincerely,

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PS I assume you get the AIM REPORT by
Reed Irvine. His 9/1/80 report contains
an excellent article "THE F. B. I. DID NOT
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Mr. Tom Brokaw
% TODAY SHOW, NBC Television
Rockefeller Plaza
New York, N. Y. 10020

Dear Mr. Brokaw:

I enjoy your TODAY ON NBC. I heard your program on October 15, 1980 6:20 AM Albuquerque time, the presentation of which disturbed me.

It was an interview ~~which~~ immediately following an interesting ABSCAM operation. The speaker was described as the executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union.

This person indicated he was concerned how persons were "targeted" for the ABSCAM operation. He suggested that something like a search warrant be obtained before a person is "targeted."

Personally, I think it absurd to have a law which required a search warrant-like device be obtained to operate an APSCAM operation involving a law maker in this case ^{who} appears and makes an offer of help for money.

But, my point is, why didn't you present a person with an answer to the ACLU observations?

I understand the APSCAM program was very carefully planned and monitored. And it worked, showed scurrilous actions of some highly-placed individuals. Surely some individual would have been available to you, to present after the ACLU interview, a comment on the ACLU concern.

Please don't let TODAY SHOW become a media like the United Nations where one nation can make an accusation, in assembly, which makes front page.....then the much later refutation is on an inside page.

May I hear from you?

Yours truly,
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Dear Sir;

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Public Response to Abscam

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I am writing in reference to the so-called Abscam escapade in which our F.B.I. used illegal methods in entrapping these few men of our Congress. How come you did not use every member of the House of Representatives? This would have been the only fair way. Better yet, why didn't you start at the White House, after all, their record certainly leaves a lot to be desired. How come the particular men were chosen and who made the choice. I believe this whole affair should be investigated by a congressional Committee or two.

I used to have great respect for the F.B.I. in years past, but after this, I have great doubts. It certainly smells of being political. How come your organization is not trying to expose all the law enforcement officers in this country who are accepting money to allow illegal drugs to come into this country.

It looks like this country is going to strangle itself on its own corruption, and I don't believe the F.B.I. is

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Sincerely yours,

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Springfield, Ill.

Date: Oct. 22, 1980

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Undercover tactics prove necessary

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IT WAS TO BE expected that members of Congress ensnared in the FBI's Abscam sting would cry foul and assert that government agents had resorted to entrapment. What other defense was possible for public officials videotaped in the act of stuffing their pockets with tens of thousands of dollars in bribes?

The allegations of entrapment, nonetheless, raised serious legal questions. A number of respected civil libertarians condemned the Abscam operation on just those grounds. And it was apparent that the government's prosecution of the Abscam defendants would be compromised if not wrecked altogether if it could be shown that agents had induced the six congressmen and other public officials to commit crimes they were not predisposed to commit.

Thanks to an enlightened decision by a federal appeals court, subsequently upheld by the United States Supreme Court, the public has now seen the first of the Abscam videotapes — that of former U.S. Rep. Michael O. Myers accepting \$50,000 in exchange for favors he promised, including the introduction of private immigration legislation.

THERE CAN'T BE any doubt, morally at least, about whether "Ozzie" Myers was entrapped. He wasn't. Undercover FBI agents had only to allude to the immigration and business problems of their Arab "clients" and mention that there was "a ton of money in this."

Myers could hardly contain himself: "Special legislation can be in-

roduced Money talks in this business . . . the same way it does in Washington You're going about it in the right way I'm the man for the job."

Myers volunteered to "handle" the Philadelphia City Council — "those that can't be persuaded can be bought." One undercover agent wondered aloud about the Mafia. "Leave that to me," said Myers.

In short, this was a congressman so patently on the take that he sold his public trust on the spot and later returned to ask for another \$35,000. It's no wonder that the House of Representatives voted overwhelmingly to expel Myers — the first member to be drummed out of the House since the Civil War — after screening his command performance as the eager grafter.

THERE IS A larger lesson to be drawn from the Abscam case in general and the Myers videotape in particular. The FBI cannot hope to mount a credible attack on white-collar crime and most especially on political corruption unless it can employ the kind of undercover tactics that nailed Ozzie Myers.

Meanwhile, civil libertarians who are offended that congressmen are baited with money are having their day in court. This serves a useful purpose and we're glad these critics remain on the job.

But the Myers case and others stemming from Abscam constitute a compelling argument for an aggressive FBI employing the tactics it must search out corruption in high places.

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Dear Mr. Director.

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Public Response To Abscam

Thank you for having the nerve for

your Ab-scam operation. That was a very great project and I hope you have another operation going now.

If you have the time, will you please send a copy of this letter, with my personal thanks, to all agents involved in the project.

Please keep up the good work

(Handwritten initials)

Office of the Director
F.B.I.
Washington,
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Mr. William H. Webster
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Pennsylvania Ave., 9th and 10th Sts., NW
Washington, D.C.

Public Response Re Abscam

Dear Mr. Webster:

When the Abscam Operation was first reported by newspaper, radio and television I thought it was a very clever sting operation. "The F.B.I. strikes again! The members of Congress who have taken bribes are properly humiliated. They deserve their punishment."

However, I have thought about it a great deal, and now I have many questions as to the legitimacy of such a project.

What philosophy of government lay behind it? What was the Bureau attempting to accomplish? Did you think that fear of being caught in similar circumstances would act as a deterrent for other members of Congress? Did you want to prove that these particular men could be bought? Why were they chosen?

It seems to me that the function of the F.B.I. is to investigate criminal activity, not to incite it. By what authority do you attempt to entrap a person? Are you not violating his civil rights? How can he be convicted of a crime when the whole thing is only play acting?

Life, itself, provides enough opportunities for men and women to demonstrate their character and to be judged by their peers. It is not necessary for the F.B.I. to create situations. Men can prove themselves to be noble or ignoble without help from your Bureau.

If you thought that the normal tax-payer would be pleased at the disgrace that has been brought upon these individuals, upon the Congress, and indeed upon our nation, I, for one, am not. The Abscam Caper itself is so opposed to the American system of freedom and justice that it far outweighs the venality of the men it sought to entrap.

Sincerely yours,

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Dear Sirs: Public Response - RE Abscam

I have read + heard a great deal about the ABSCAM investigation and it's widespread effectiveness in uncovering Congressional Corruption. ~~What I have~~ I have been unable to learn ~~the~~ whose idea the investigation was, who recommended it be implemented, and how much it cost to carry out the investigation.

Please inform me of the above three items at your earliest convenience. The self addressed postcard enclosed is for you to mail to me as soon as you receive my letter so I know you have it. The self addressed stamped envelope enclosed is so you can return my original letter with your response if any.

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Public Response Re Abscam

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William H. Webster, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Dear Mr. Webster:

I must again commend your bureau in it's pursuit of scoundrels holding public office.

The evidence you developed in the Kentucky case aired tonight by 60 MINUTES must make many Americans rejoice. The protestations of malefactors that they were baited, or "entrapped", makes a godd scenario for a Lucy Show.

There is an uneasy feeling throughout the land that most politicians are crooked, and that the electorate is largely helpless to do anything about it. This distresses me, personally, because I spent eight years of my life, during critical personal years, "defending democracy". In my eight years in the Marine Corps I was aware the navy yard workmen and the aircraft workers were making ten times the money - my fellow fighters and myself were. And so were my compadres!

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This is surely not the first letter of commendation you have received for the "Abscam" type of investigation of corruption in government. I hope you read and understand my message. That message is, there are a lot more like me who applaud your efforts and motives, and KEEP IT UP!

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Yours truly,
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cc: Ben Bradlee
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Mr. William Webster
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington D.C.

Public Response - RE Abscam

Dear Mr. Webster:

I am a citizen who wholeheartedly supports the indictment and conviction of Congressmen on bribery, malfeasance and whatever charges have recently been leveled at them as a result of the so-called Abscam Investigations.

I am ignorant of how you chose those specific Congressmen to be approached by your agents. If that choice was purely at random, I am astonished that you found so many mischievous governmental officials in a relatively small sample. If, on the other hand, you had prior knowledge of their wrongdoing or corruption, I think the world should be apprised of that. Lastly, if they were chosen arbitrarily as people who had come at odds with your department, I am frightened! The last circumstance, you can well perceive, is totalitarian and needs to be withstood by everyone in this country collectively and individually.

I am anxiously awaiting some reassuring reply from you.

Sincerely,

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October 21, 1980

Mr. William H. Webster, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
J. Edgar Hoover Building
9th & Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D. C. 20535

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Dear Mr. Webster:

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We invite you to respond to the enclosed editorial which was broadcast on WBT, WBCY and WBTV. Our purpose, of course, is not only to be fair but to offer our audience views that contrast with our own. Each response is aired in the same general time period as the editorial to which it replies, and the same number of times.

We would be glad to have you videotape your response in our studios. If that is not possible, we ask for either a recording from you or a written response to be read by one of our staff announcers--in which case it would be helpful to have a glossy head-and-shoulder photo of yourself, preferably in color, which would be returned to you if you so request.

The time allotted for responses, as for editorials, is two minutes, which generally translates to no more than 300 words. We ask that you send us a copy of your proposed statement in advance of recording.

If by any chance you do not choose to respond to the enclosed editorial, we ask that you let us know as quickly as possible so that we may invite response from some other quarter.

The audience for our editorials and for editorial responses is quite extensive. WBTV has an exceptionally large viewing audience, WBCY operates with a maximum 100,000 watts, and WBT-AM is a 50,000-watter which goes directional at sundown and is received clearly up and down the Eastern Seaboard--from Canada to Cuba.

Thank you for your consideration, Mr. Webster, and we look forward to sharing your thoughts with our radio and television audiences.

Cordially,

Larry M Harding

LMH/b Larry M. Harding
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THE FBI AND ABSCAM

Broadcast Date: PM 10/17/80

The FBI's handling of the Abscam investigation has raised some serious questions. One of the biggest is, were the eight members of Congress lured into a trap?

There is no excuse for public officials who take bribes. Yet the way the cases were built generates undeserved sympathy for the defendants.

The Justice Department says the FBI did not set out to target specific Congressmen. Rather, the investigation evolved from a search for some stolen paintings. In the course of that investigation, informers told the FBI they could buy influence from public officials. As the Justice Department puts it, the Bureau did not back away from the case.

No one can blame the FBI for following up on hot leads. What disturbs us is the use of middlemen to draw Congressmen into the net. There are some troubling questions the FBI needs to answer:

—Were the approaches to Congressmen based solely on the belief of informers that the men would accept bribes?

—Was there evidence that any of the lawmakers had taken bribes in the past?

—Did any of the Congressmen come soliciting bribes on their own, without being approached?

—How many others were tested, but refused to accept bribes?

We have no reason to question the evidence used in the first two cases that have come to trial. We can't disagree with the verdicts returned by the juries. And, as we said, there is no excuse for public officials taking bribes whether or not they were entrapped.

But, our Editorial Board believes the American people are right to wonder about the way these eight members of Congress were caught. The FBI should come up with the answers.

Invitation to respond has been sent to FBI Director William H. Webster

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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20505

Public Response Re Abscam

Att: Mr. William H. Webster,
Director

Please advise as to the procedural requirements for obtaining Video-Audio - transcripts of the Abscam undercover operation.

Thanking you in advance,

Sincerely yours,

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P.S. Sorry I missed contacting you during your recent visit in the Tampa office, I did however communicate with Philip McNiff.

Ack
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PUBLIC RESPONSE RE ABSCAM

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Dear Sir:

Speaking on behalf of my family, and myself, we wanted you to know we feel the FBI, the finest organization of dedicated men in the world, has been the target of an awful lot of unfair publicity and propaganda. Especially so on ABSCAM, and now even on what CBS's Mike Wallace calls "Little ABSCAM." When I saw his 60 Minutes program Sunday, 10-26-80, I was mad enough to kick in the picture tube of my television. I didn't of course. As a former law enforcement I certainly don't miss either of these cases as "entrapment," as many suggest. It's a case of crooked politicians caught with their hands in the till. Today many positions of trust in private business require their employees take a periodic polygraph examination to insure their continued honesty. ABSCAM was a test of a few men holding high government positions that should be beyond reproach. They flunked, and now they yell "entrapment!" These congressmen could just as easily have been selling Cruise Missile specs to the Soviets. Because of the excellent work of our FBI the next government official tempted by a bribe will think twice.

I'm proud of our FBI, very proud. Because of the FBI I sleep much better in these troubled times. My warmest best wishes always.

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Respectfully:

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WILL LABOR RETURN ITS NUMBER ONE ENEMY TO THE WHITE HOUSE?

Fellow Americans,

Jimmy Carter has done more in four years to destroy the American labor movement than Herbert Hoover and the Right-to-Work movement put together. But now Carter is telling labor unions that they must support him as the "pro-labor" candidate!

Jimmy Carter knows he needs labor votes to keep the White House. So Jimmy Carter is lying—claiming that only a vote for him will save labor's clout in Washington.

Jimmy Carter has led the effort to destroy that clout.

Carter's record on the economy is the worst of any President since Herbert Hoover. In coordination with Ayatollah Volcker, his bungling and ill intentions have

- 1) pushed consumer prices up by 40% over the four years of his administration;
- 2) collapsed industrial production by 8% since the beginning of 1980;
- 3) taken \$26 billion out of families' pockets through higher inflation, taxes, and unemployment since Jan. 1980;
- 4) increased the number of unemployed workers from 5.5 million to 8.2 million, an increase of more than 50%;
- 5) brought interest rates to all-time record levels, now almost three times what they were when Carter entered office.

The major categories of industrial output have fallen more than they did during Hoover's depression.

The Carter administration is also responsible for the biggest tax increase in American history.

Lyndon LaRouche, chairman of the Advisory Board of the NDPC, has released the projections of his econometric model for 1981 if Carter is reelected. LaRouche's model correctly predicted the disaster Ayatollah Volcker's 1979 measures would bring to the economy. Now he projects precipitous drops in employment, production,

and all profit in the economy—plus skyrocketing inflation—by February of 1981.

But Jimmy Carter has not been content to destroy labor's living standards. He and Attorney General Civiletti have waged all-out war against labor's organizations through the unconstitutional hoax called Abscam-Brilab.

Jimmy Carter, who now weeps that he's labor's only protection, is ripping up the Constitution to *bust unions*. He has spent billions of tax dollars to hire the thugs who are deployed to induce labor leaders to commit crimes. He has convened grand juries, and organized press leaks to smear the names of labor leaders, when they don't have evidence. In all, he has hit over 100,000 labor leaders and their political allies with indictments, convictions, or smears of "organized crime"—more victims than the Palmer Raid labor roundups of the 1920s.

It is well-known that Carter's machine is now using the threat of Abscam-Brilab to muscle some unions to turn out for his reelection. That's not support—it's a gun to their heads.

Can such a president pass himself off as pro-labor? Can such a president be trusted to deliver on his promises to labor?

Fellow Americans, we of the National Democratic Policy Committee, a multi-candidate political action committee, are conservative Democrats who love our nation, its Constitutional principles, and commitment to the idea of progress upon which it was founded. We support the election of many good Democratic congressmen and senators across the nation.

But Jimmy Carter by his every action has made himself an enemy of the American System of economic progress, and an enemy to the dignity and rights of labor. For the good of the nation *President Carter must be voted out of office Nov. 4!*

National Democratic Policy Committee

P.O. Box 26, Midtown Station 233 West 38th St., New York, New York 10018

We need your support to spread this message nationwide in the final days before the election.

Call today to (212) 927-4444.

Authorized and paid for by the National Democratic Policy Committee.

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Public Response - Re Abscam 1980.
Dear Sir:

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As an old retired U. S. Army chaplain, who has admired your bureau, I say congratulations on your Abscam project.

Keep up the good work, and don't let the powerful media get you down.

I have known many of your men & admire them. Just a word of encouragement. No need to answer. America needs badly the work you are doing.
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Sincerely yours

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William H. Webster,
 Director, Bureau of F.B.I.,
 Dear Sir, Public Response - Re Abscom

Just a few lines to thank you & your members of the FBI for restoring your agency to the position of efficiency & trust that the American people once had faith in -

I've read about Abscom in the paper & seen it on the news on TV but I didn't really know what your bureau was doing until I read about the "New Look at the FBI" in the Sept. 80 copy of the Readers Digest -

Once again for myself & the millions of American citizens who want & deserve honest government. Thanks to you & the new bureau you have created.

Sincerely,

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Mr. [Name]
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Insp. Young...

Enclosed is a copy of the editorial we called about.

We'd like to have a response to it from Mr. Webster.

The response should be of about the same length--up to 300 words.

It should be sent to my attention at the above address.

If you have any questions, please call me at 374-3852.

Thanks,

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Inspector Roger S. Young
Office of Congressional and
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November 17, 1980

Mr. William H. Webster
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
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Dear Sir:

I was encouraged by your remarks in the Director's message portion of the September 1980 issue of the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin. To me, it was a statement that undercover work is as ethical as it is successful and it constituted a commitment to such methods in the future.

As a police officer, I am pleased with the direction that the FBI is taking and with the innovation that programs such as ADESCAM and ERILAB represent. If an index of honesty in government could be developed, I am sure that it would have soared to unprecedented heights following the revelation of these operations. I believe that the potential benefits for the country from these programs equals or exceeds that of any other that the Bureau could be involved in.

The election results on November 4th were a dramatic indication of the public's dissatisfaction with the present administration. I anticipate that the new administration will be more supportive of your efforts and of the goals that all of us in law enforcement are striving to achieve.

Sincerely,

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