August 15, 2000

Dear [Name]:

Your recent communication to Attorney General Janet Reno expressing your belief that Kurt Cobain was murdered has been referred to the FBI for reply.

We appreciate your concern that Mr. Cobain may have been the victim of a homicide. However, most homicide investigations generally fall within the jurisdiction of state or local authorities. In order for the FBI to initiate an investigation of any complaint we receive, specific facts must be present to indicate that a violation of federal law within our investigative jurisdiction has occurred. Based on the limited information you provided, we are unable to identify any violation of federal law within the investigative jurisdiction of the FBI. We are, therefore, unable to take any investigative action in this case.

Sincerely yours,

A. Robert Walsh
Legislative Counsel
Office of Public and Congressional Affairs

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NOTE: Reply used previously for similar correspondence.
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December 15, 2006

Dear Mr. [Name]

Your communication postmarked September 21, 2006, to the FBI expressing your belief that the Kurt Cobain death investigation should be reopened has been referred to me for response.

We appreciate your concern that Mr. Cobain may have been the victim of a homicide. However, most homicide/death investigations generally fall within the jurisdiction of state and local authorities. In order for the FBI to initiate an investigation of any complaint we receive, specific facts must be present to indicate that a violation of federal law within our investigative jurisdiction has occurred. Based on the information you provided, we are unable to identify any violation of federal law within the investigative jurisdiction of the FBI. We are, therefore, unable to take any investigative action in this case.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Linda M. Trigero-Pabst
Executive Secretariat Office

NOTE: ACS disclosed no identical information regarding correspondent. Reply used previously for similar correspondence.
Dear US government officials,
I write to you for the reason, every family member, friend, fan, and colleague of a victim does justice. I only wish to receive justice for and others who loved this man as much as I did. This man was Kurt Cobain, belonging to a band called Nirvana and it was originally thought and still excepted as the truth that he committed suicide. There has since been evidence found that he was killed and didn't commit suicide, as originally thought. The police who took up the case were never very serious in investigating it as a murder but from the beginning insisted on it being a suicide. This bothers me the most because his killer is still out there and now, because of the haste of the police department, has the chance to claim other victims. The is more than enough evidence to reopen the case and change the cause of death from suicide to murder. Evidence like the fact that there were no prints on the gun he supposedly shot himself with (there should at least be three, his, the friend who bought it for him, and the gun dealer). Other,

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stronger evidence was the strange way his wife was acting at the time, and what she was with holding. She had a paper saying "get arrested" (giving her an alibi, when she got arrested prior to his body being found) and a paper where she practiced his handwriting. On his "suicide note", he mentioned nothing about wanting to die except for the part of it that was in another handwriting and appeared to be added at the end. The information you need is in a book called "Love & Death", the same book that pointed out the triple lethal dose of heroin in his system and would have imminently incapacitated (thus he could not fire a gun. If you would like all of the evidence I suggest you contact the man who did the investigation, [ ] at [ ]@cobaincase.com of you may contact me at [ ]@hotmail.com or [ ].

Sincerely,
J. Edgar Hoover building
935 Pennsylvania avenue
N.W., Washington D.C. 20535-0001
February 7, 2007

Dear Ms. 

Your letter postmarked November 20, 2006, to the FBI expressing your belief that Kurt Cobain was murdered has been referred to me for reply.

We appreciate your concern that Mr. Cobain may have been the victim of a homicide. However, most homicide investigations generally fall within the jurisdiction of state and local authorities. In order for the FBI to initiate an investigation of any complaint we receive, specific facts must be present to indicate that a violation of federal law within the investigative jurisdiction has occurred. Based on the information you provided, we are unable to identify any violation of federal law within the investigative jurisdiction of the FBI. We are, therefore, unable to take any investigative action in this case.

Sincerely yours,

Linda M. Trigeiro-Pabst
Executive Secretariat Office
Subject: (no subject)
Date: Wed, 24 Sep 2003 18:30:43 EDT
From: scattle@fbi.gov
To: scattle@fbi.gov

24 September 2003

Dear whoever it may concern,

I believe a great injustice might have been committed in the case of Kurt Cobain.

Mr. Cobain was the lead singer of a popular group from Seattle called Nirvana. They achieved a mass amount of popularity in 1991, and gained millions of fans around the world. He is survived by a young daughter named Frances, and his wife Courtney Love.

The official story from the Seattle police department is that he took his own life, however there are a lot of unanswered questions and inconsistencies with this. A California state licensed private investigator named [redacted], who was hired by Cobain's wife to try and locate him the week before his death, strongly believes foul play was involved. Based on information he has gathered, he also believes his wife had something to do with it. According to [redacted], this information was taken to the Seattle police department a week after Cobain's death, only to be ignored.

Since 1994, quite a few magazine and newspaper articles have been written on this information. It has also been the subject of many radio and television shows. A book entitled "Who Killed Kurt Cobain? The Mysterious Death of an Icon" was published in 1998. It was mentioned in a 1998 film about the couple called "Kurt & Courtney". The internet has also helped get this information out with sites like cobaincase.com, [redacted] homepage on his investigation, and justiceforkurt.com.

I feel [redacted] information has gone ignored and suppressed long enough by the Seattle police and the media. I'm writing you in hopes for your help to press for a reexamination of Mr. Cobain's death. Millions of fans around the world would like to see the inconsistencies surrounding the death cleared up once and for all. It is sad to think that an injustice of this nature can be allowed in the United States.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
For Friday Feb. 7, 1997

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Within a week, Tommy Zeigler was charged with the killings. Soon after, he was convicted. The jury recommended life in prison, but they were overruled by the judge, who sentenced him to death. Zeigler believes the judge held a grudge against him from months earlier when they had testified against opposing sides in a bitter legal dispute. For more than 20 years, from a hospital bed, from a courtroom, and now from death row, Tommy Zeigler has loudly proclaimed his innocence. He claims that on December 24, 1975, he planned to meet Eunice and her parents at the store. He says he was unaware that they were already dead when he opened the back door and found the lights not working. Moments later, Zeigler claims he was viciously attacked and beaten. Zeigler kept large amounts of cash at the store, and routinely carried a handgun for protection. He believes he may have wounded one of the assailants before he himself was shot in the side. At about 9:25PM Zeigler stumbled out of the store. Minutes earlier, he had called the police chief at a private party, to report he had been shot. Zeigler and his attorneys say they have new evidence that debunks the prosecution's case and makes liars out of its witnesses. Additionally, an independent lie detector test conducted by one of the country's most respected forensic specialists, John Palmieri, suggests that Tommy Zeigler is, in fact a victim in this case. On May 19, 1986, Zeigler was less than 24 hours away from facing the electric chair. Then a federal court granted a stay and Zeigler filed and appeal. In 1987 his attorneys used Florida's Freedom of Information act to open up the prosecution files. They found previously undisclosed evidence. Today, Tommy Zeigler is asking for a new trial, in which a new judge and jury can review all the evidence. A ruling on Zeigler's appeal is still pending. Of course, the question remains, even if Tommy Zeigler wins another day in court, will the verdict be innocent or guilty?

CONTACT: (Defense Attorney)

KURT COBAIN

Kurt Cobain, lead singer and creative force behind Nirvana, a Seattle-based grunge rock band, was renowned for his music. To many, his suicide on April 8, 1994 seemed understandable. At least one investigator, Tom Grant, a Los Angeles based private investigator and former L.A. County Sheriff's deputy, is convinced that the official ruling of suicide was a rush to judgement. On March 31, 1994, just 3 weeks after an apparent drug overdose in Rome, Italy, Cobain walked out of a drug rehab center in Marina Del Rey, California. It was only 24 hours after family and friends had persuaded him to seek help. Cobain took a late night flight back to Seattle where a limo driver dropped him off at home. His daughter's male nanny saw him there on the morning of April 2, 1994. During that same period, Courtney Love, Cobain's wife, was reportedly staying at a Beverly Hills Hotel. On April 3rd, Tom Grant claims that Love called him and asked him to find her husband. She did not mention that Cobain had been seen at their
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Seattle home the day before. When surveillance failed to locate Cobain, Grant flew to Seattle. He and one of Cobain's friends began searching for the missing rock star, eventually ending up at Cobain's house. Grant claims the entire house was searched. Some 20 hours later, Grant says he and Cobain's friend searched the house again. This time they found a note left for Cobain by the male nanny. The next day an electrician discovered Cobain's body in a room above the garage known as "the greenhouse". It is the only place Grant says he and Cobain's friend did not check. The first officers to arrive at the house reported that they were "on the scene of a suicide". Tom Grant strongly disagrees and believes he has found a number of inconsistencies, including questions about the alleged suicide note itself. Grant believes the note is actually a retirement letter to Cobain's fans. Grant and two renowned handwriting experts believe that at least part of the note could have been forged. Does this suggest Kurt Cobain did not commit suicide? If so, was his death accidental? Or was Cobain murdered? The Seattle police are confident they made the correct ruling. They consider the case closed. Tom Grant does not. He believes the investigation should be re-opened and the inconsistencies resolved once and for all.

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