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Ref: Refiling murder charges against Lindley DeVecchio

To Mr. Haynes:

I'm in the process of updating one of my books, *Crimes of the FBI-DOJ, and the Mafia*, which delves into the Scarpa Sr. and DeVecchio matters. The purpose of this letter is to obtain your comments on whether you plan to refile murder charges against DeVecchio, and if not, why not. I will include your comments in my Internet site relating to that matter and in the revised edition of the book. This is how I approached the matter:

- The dropping of murder charges against DeVecchio was highly suspect. The dropping of charges was based upon audio tapes produced by one of the two Village Voice reporters who had taped statements made by Linda Schiro ten years earlier, when she was under not legal requirement to be accurate or complete in what she knew, and at a time when she felt her life was in danger if she divulged details of the Scarpa-DeVecchio relationship. Also, those reporters had a loyalty to DeVecchio due to DeVecchio secretly giving confidential FBI information to them that benefitted their standing as reporters.
- The sudden dropping of charges against this key FBI supervisor:
  - Without allowing Schiro the opportunity to explain the difference between the casual statements made ten years earlier and the sworn testimony given in a court of law.
  - Without allowing Gregory Scarpa, Jr., an obvious key witness to testify.
  - Without allowing former FBI Special Agent Richard Taus, a former highly decorated Vietnam War veteran, who worked under DeVecchio and knew of his obstruction of justice tactics, to testify.
  - Ignoring the testimony of other FBI agents and various mob figures.
- Since the dropping of charges against DeVecchio, the special district attorney, Leslie Crocker Snyder, has issued a report upholding the credibility of Linda Schiro. That report supports the testimony that she provided during the trial against DeVecchio.
- The January 24, 2008, letter by the chief of your rackets division, Michael Veechione, praising Gregory Scarpa Jr. for his creditability, further supports the testimony that he would have given about the murders that his father was involved in with Lindley DeVecchio if your office had not blocked his testimony.

I'm a former federal agent who is only too familiar with the various forms of obstruction of justice by high government officials and the harm inflicted upon the people and national security. My first experience with cover-ups and its deadly effect upon New Yorkers related to the crash of a United Airlines DC-8 into Brooklyn on December 16, 1960 (the program for which I was given primary responsibility and which I detail and document in the book, *Unfriendly Skies: 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> Centuries*).

If I were to write a report on the DeVecchio matter, one of the last statements I would make is that you have a responsibility to refile the murder charges against DeVecchio. The reaffirmation of the credibility

of Linda Schiro—and Gregory Scarpa Jr.—demands that the murder charges that should never have been dropped, should be refilled. There has never been a trial on the merits, so the double jeopardy issue does not apply.

I will put this letter on the Internet and in the book revision, along with your response.

Sincerely,

Rodney Stich

cc: Governor David Paterson