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May 25, 2005

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Mr. Thomas W. Spindle
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Sir:

I received your letter regarding the disposition of evidence in a CID investigation. Coordination with the investigating office and the Military Court of Appeals was affected on order to properly address your concerns.

The investigating office no longer is in possession of any evidence relating to your case. This is in accordance with Army Regulation (AR) 195-5, Evidence Procedures, in that all of your appeals have been exhausted. Our coordination with the Military Court of Appeals revealed the appeals were exhausted in 1989.

Point of contact for this action is Special Agent Pammie M. Alvarez at (703) 806-0282.

Sincerely,

L Paul Hudson
Chief Warrant Officer, U.S. Army
Investigative Operations Division

NOTE:

LETTER DAMAGED BY FCI FAIRTON MAILROOM

NOTE 2:

28 U.S.C. § 2241 Appeals Are "Technically Inexhaustible"
AND U.S. Army mandates required proper maintenance
of all physical evidence for two (2) years AFTER the
finalization period if NO APPEALS WERE TAKEN.



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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

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Staff Judge Advocate

The Honorable Frank R. Lautenberg
United States Senator
Hart Senate Office Building, Suite 324
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Lautenberg:

This is a supplemental response to the letter we sent to you on 28 February regarding a homicide investigation involving Mr. Thomas Spindle that was conducted by the United States Army Criminal Investigation Command (USACIDC). Mr. Spindle asked you in his letter that the victim's real killer be found.

Your correspondence and Mr. Spindle's letter was reviewed by the CW5 L. Paul Hudson, Chief of our Investigative Operations Divisions, USACIDC. Mr. Hudson determined that a previous review of this investigation occurred based upon a request from the Secretary of the Army on 18 April 2006. The command forensics science officer reviewed the investigation between 31 May and 2 June 2006. As a result of your request, Mr. Hudson conducted another thorough review of the 1982 investigation. Both reviews found that probable cause existed at the time of the incident to believe that Mr. Spindle participated in the victim's death. This conclusion is supported by the physical and testimonial evidence collected during the investigation. In addition to Mr. Spindle's contradictory statements, strong testimony was given by a witness to this crime which ultimately proved Mr. Spindle's guilt. Based on this evidence, we are confident that a thorough investigation was conducted. Mr. Spindle has not provided any new, relevant or material facts that warrant reopening the investigation.

I hope this information is helpful.

Sincerely,

Patricia A. Harris
Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army
Deputy Staff Judge Advocate

Received
15 May 2007

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NOTE:

USACIDC FAILED
TO ESTABLISH FACTS AND DID
NOT CHECK FINGERPRINTS OR DNA ON
REAL PERPETRATOR / NO THOROUGHNESS CONDUCTED

FRANK R. LAUTENBERG

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

May 3, 2007

Mr. Thomas W. Spindle
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Fairton, N.J. 08320-0420

Dear Mr. Spindle:

After contacting the Department of the Army, U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command on your behalf, I received the enclosed response to your concern.

Based on the evidence of the second review and no new relevant or material facts provided by you that would warrant reopening of this investigation by the Command Forensics Science Officer, they are confident that a thorough investigation was conducted.

I am glad that I was able to look into this matter for you. Please do not hesitate in reaching out to my office in the future should you need assistance again.

If you have any additional questions or concerns regarding this or any other matter, please contact Sheilah Greene by phone at (856) 338-8922 and/ or by fax at (856) 338-8936.

Sincerely,

Frank R. Lautenberg

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Enclosure: Letter from Department of the Army

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U.S. Senator Frank R. Lautenberg, (N.J.)
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30 May 2007

RE: Willful attempt to deceive you made by the U.S. Army Deputy Staff Judge Advocate in a fax (2022284054) on 8 March 2007 letter.

To the Honorable Frank R. Lautenberg of New Jersey,

Sir, with all due respect, you have been misdirected and purposely **lied** to by Lieutenant Colonel Patricia A. Harris in regard to a **“thorough review”** that could not have been properly conducted **“between 31 May and 2 June 2006”**.

You have been deceived, Senator.

The Command Officer did not review the real killer's fingerprints, or the bite mark evidence along with the other DNA materials from the crime scene. Otherwise... the U.S. Army would have checked those fingerprints (off the victim's body) or the other **“numerous prints”** to have them belatedly identified. Sir, I respectfully remind you that none of my own fingerprints or DNA had ever been present.

I could not have **“participated in the victim's death”** beyond my initial discovery of his partially clad and brutally slain corpse, Senator Lautenberg.

“The contradictory statements” attributed to me by two U.S. Army CID Agents were self-serving attempts made by them to conceal their abusive interrogation tactics without procedural safeguards.

Challenge the U.S. Army Deputy SJA to produce accurate recordings- **not conjecture**- about the false **“contradictory statements”** she attributed to me without having essential corroborations.

The **“strong testimony”** was bootstrapped to a **“witness to the murder”** whom had a stronger motive to mislead the already inept CID since Private Joseph H. Courtney, Junior, was clearly substituting the real perpetrators’ actual names. He provided five renditions of the murder to protect his best friend whom I am quite sure the Chief of Investigative Operations, CW5 L. Paul Hudson, so casually dismissed. That same individual’s own palm print **“was coincidentally”** found on the wall...**above**... the victim’s body, sir.

The only question here is whether you are convinced of my alleged **“guilt”**, Senator Lautenberg.

Are you confident that a **“thorough investigation was conducted”**...
Or have you been misled, sir?

I cannot provide any “new, relevant or material facts that may warrant reopening the investigation because there are foxes guarding my henhouse.

But I am not a chicken so, in order to display my ongoing injustice to the whole world, I will ask Director Katja Pumm of the Innocent in Prison Project International Organization to publish the Deputy Staff Judge Advocate’s reply along with this letter.

I will further request to have my family send a copy of this letter and the Deputy SJA’s deceptive information to the murder victim’s brother whom I also implore to seek the truth.

Dominic, to you, I say there is no greater wrong here and **you have an unfulfilled obligation** to avenge your brother’s death. I say this to you in factual truth-not in lies or ill intent to deceive you as you have been falsely led to believe by the U.S. Army’s Criminal Investigative Command. **You will have no “closure” as long as your brother’s real killer remains at large while two innocent “soldiers” and their families as well as everyone so wrongly allowed to suffer... finds no justice.** There will be only more victims and more families and more lives torn apart if you do not intervene.

Senator Lautenberg, with all due respect, I stand before the world in their wise judgment so they can weigh my actual innocence or alleged perpetration.

Will you allow this matter of injustice to continue or simply pretend the cover-up did not occur?

To one and all of my readers: You can help me by spreading the word about my case. Get bold and get involved or get badly scarred because you won’t get **“closure”**.

And, finally, to the U.S. Army's Criminal Investigation Command as well as the Staff Judge Advocate: you have a sworn duties under the oaths you've all taken... less than seriously... to investigate the truth and to protect the innocent. You gain no justice here and **I openly mock all of you in front of the whole world.** Stop my senseless persecution for something I did not do and could not have assisted in doing. You have lied to respectable men, undoubtedly upon countless occasions, without being held accountable for all of your deceptions. Is this the type of military justice you promote?

I've come from a poor family and never had a criminal record. So, obviously, my mother raised me right. She did not give succor to a **"cold-blooded Killer"** of men, women or children. Poor, yes, but this poor man told the truth. And I am not a coward serving plus twenty-four years on this life sentence instead of telling lies to spare myself like Courtney did.

So what say all of you?

The Innocent in Prison Project International Organization (www.iippi.org) needs your worldwide assistance to help expose wrongly persecuted prisoners (like me) whom may not have legal redress in any so-called **"fair and impartial"** court system.

Do not wait until it is your turn.

Stand up and be counted or the next injustice victim could be you Senator... or you, the reader... and no one; not even God himself will spare you from this mortal anguish that you suffer... just like me.

Look at the truth and see who is lying to all of you, then, as well as now.

Thank you and be courageous:

Thomas W. Spindle
www.iippi.org/inmates/armedforces/thomasspindle.html

P.S. Any helpful comments or suggestions would be honestly appreciated. Or if you will, please alert as many other people as you can so they can be forewarned about their possible fate.