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# Promisgate: World's longest spy scandal still glossed over

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The so called PROMIS affair would never have happened if the software invented by an American computer specialist, Mr. William A. Hamilton, had been a technical failure. But this case management and data mining software, developed in the early 1980s by a small Washington D.C. company, Inslaw Inc., had proven itself to be a perfect intelligence tool. Originally made for the Department of Justice to help the country's prosecutor offices in their case management, it drew the attention of corrupt officials and of Israeli Intelligence. Stolen by ruse from its owner, Inslaw Inc., the software was hacked and provided with a "trap door", a sort of a Trojan Horse hacker's trick, that enabled the retrieval of information from the foreign intelligence services and banks it had been sold to on behalf of Israeli and U.S. intelligence. Without the knowledge of the software's owner, and in violation of copyright laws, the PROMIS software was sold to over 40 countries and used in an unprecedented "sting operation", which yielded huge financial and intelligence benefits to the United States and Israel.

In February 1985, Inslaw Inc. filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection because the Justice Department had withheld payments totaling almost \$1.8 million U.S. due Inslaw Inc. under a PROMIS Implementation Contract for U.S. Attorneys Offices. The PROMIS affair, broken by investigative journalists, two federal courts, and a congressional investigation and published in thousands of media stories and in several books, has never been resolved.

But "blowback" from the U.S. Government's theft of PROMIS in 1982 soon turned into a series of painful losses for U.S. national security, into criminal financial benefits for corrupt officials, and into intelligence "scoops" for the secret services of adversaries. "It's far worse than Watergate"--commented former U.S. Attorney General and Inslaw counsel Elliot Richardson.

## From KGB to PLA-2

The history of this world-famous computer software goes back a quarter of a century, and its applications by intelligence, organized crime and terrorist organizations began almost from the start. The software helped the United States win the Cold War against the Soviet Union, but it also served the Russian mafia, Saddam Hussein's regime, Osama bin Laden's al Qaeda, and an unspecified number of foreign spies and criminals. As far back as 1985, when the late British media tycoon and top [Israeli] Mossad spy, Robert Maxwell, revealed the software's "trap door" secret to Chinese Military Intelligence (PLA-2), while selling them a copy of PROMIS for \$ 9 million, the powerful software was turned against the United States. The Soviet KGB purchased PROMIS from Robert Maxwell, but they also [later] received a copy (together with the Trojan Horse secret) from Robert Hanssen, a spy planted in a most sensitive office of the FBI. The Soviets and

their East European allies, including Poland, used PROMIS to spy on the U.S. State Department and 170 American Embassies and Consulates all over the world. This practice may have continued as late as 1997, and the post-communist intelligence agencies of Russia and other countries, including Polish Military Intelligence (WSI), may have been able to retrieve information from U.S. Government agencies, because as many as 64 of them [are believed to have] used modified versions of PROMIS. Using the same PROMIS software, purchased from Russia, Saddam Hussein and members of his regime could shift huge sums of money undetected through the banking system. Some of these funds are still supporting the anti-Coalition insurrection in Iraq and terrorists. In the mid-1990s, Chinese Military Intelligence (PLA-2) organized their own hackers department, which [exploited] PROMIS to penetrate [database systems] [in the] Los Alamos and Sandia national laboratories to steal U.S. nuclear secrets.

No over-all damage assessment has been prepared yet. But the losses to the U.S. economy may be in billions of dollars, and damage to the national security of the United States and its allies may be incalculable.

An American intelligence officer, whose name cannot be disclosed, made the following comment on the consequences of the illegal operations performed with the use of PROMIS:

(...) "Yes, we gave PROMIS to the Russians and Chinese to back door their intel. Worked like a charm. The only problem was 'blowback'. As we gave it to our enemies in order to back door them through the trap door Trojan horse asset in PROMIS, we left sixty-four federal agencies wide open in the U.S. Government who also used PROMIS. The powers-that-be felt that the information obtained far outweighed the damage done to the security of the 64 federal agencies. Just think, federal agents exposed, witness relocation programs compromised, etc. Just a matter of time."

### **PROMIS sold to bin Laden**

There were also two reported connections between the U.S. intelligence failure relating to the terrorist attacks on 9-11 and unauthorized derivatives of the PROMIS software.

First, unnamed government sources familiar with the debriefing of Hanssen in 2001 reportedly told the *Washington Times*, Fox News, and the *washingtonpost.com* that year that someone in Russia had sold copies of PROMIS-derivative software source codes, which Hanssen had stolen from the FBI and U.S. intelligence agencies for the Russians, to Osama bin Laden for \$2 million and that al Qaeda had used the stolen U.S. intelligence software to access the U.S. intelligence database systems in order to evade detection and monitoring before 9-11 and to move funds undetected through the banking system.

Osama bin Laden received PROMIS software, bought for him by wealthy Saudis through their connections with the Russian mafia. An American intelligence expert told us: "Salah Idris, along with members of the Saudi Royal family, arranged for the sale of PROMIS to Bin Laden. Yes, it came from the Russians, but not in as big a part as the spook community would have you believe. Nor was it entirely the work of Robert Hanssen. He was merely available to point the finger at." Thanks to PROMIS, computer wizards

working for al Qaeda could move funds and avoid tracking by U.S. and other intelligence, at least until the assaults on the United States, on September 11, 2001.

Secondly, the 9-11 Commission in the United States reported, in its April 14, 2004 report on the U.S. intelligence failure, that the FBI had failed to connect the dots between leads in its computerized case management system from two different field offices during the summer of 2001 about Arab men taking flight training courses, blaming the FBI's failure on the fact that its case management software "employs 1980's technology that is by all accounts user-unfriendly."

What was the main reason for the FBI's failure? The inventor of PROMIS and President of its producer, Inslaw Inc. company in Washington D.C., Mr. William L. Hamilton, told me that:

"The 9-11 Commission called attention to the fact that the FBI did not install the current version of its case management software, called the ACS (Automated Case Support) system, until October 1995 and [to the fact] that ACS was obsolete from the time the FBI developed it in the mid-1990s because it was based on '1980s technology'. Although the 9-11 Commission offered no explanation for why the FBI used obsolete technology to develop its ACS case management software in 1995, the apparent explanation is that the FBI simply re-named its 1980s technology case management software, which was called FOIMS and was based on PROMIS, and translated it in October 1995 into a different computer programming language in order to obstruct a court hearing that the U.S. Senate had ordered earlier that year. The Senate had ordered the court in May 1995 to determine whether the United States owes Inslaw compensation for the government's use of PROMIS, and the court, in turn, ordered outside software experts to compare the FBI's software with PROMIS, but the FBI modified its software and told the court that it no longer retained the unmodified first 11 years (1985 through 1995) of its own case management software."

" A June 2001 front-page story in the *Washington Times* quoted unnamed federal law enforcement sources familiar with the Hanssen case as stating that al Qaeda had been able to use a copy of the FBI's FOIMS software, [purchased on the Russian black market], for espionage against the United States as late as 2001, six years after FOIMS had supposedly been replaced by ACS. This may be an additional indication of what the FBI actually did in 1995. Instead of using its ACS software project in 1995 to take advantage of early 1990s improvements in computer technology in order to make FOIMS easier for FBI agents to use, the primary purpose of the FBI's ACS project in 1995 was obstruction of justice."

To put this into simpler words, the FBI (and possibly a number of other agencies of the U.S. Government) still use unauthorized derivatives of the PROMIS software. This means that foreign intelligence agencies, which have bought or otherwise acquired PROMIS, can easily "break in" into such FBI and U.S. intelligence data bases, posing a serious threat to the national security of the United States.

### **A Spy in the White House?**

In September 2005, the FBI arrested one of its own intelligence analysts for computer-based espionage. The arrest of Leandro Aragoncillo, an FBI intelligence analyst, has rekindled concerns about computer security at the F.B.I. that were first raised in the wake of the February 2001 arrest of FBI Agent Robert Hanssen for computer-based spying for the Soviet Union and the Russians. On October 7, 2005 an article in the *New York Times*, for example, entitled "New Spy Case Revives Concerns Over Security at F.B.I." reported that the arrest of Aragoncillo was probably the result of happenstance, rather than the result of the pro-active auditing by the FBI, which the FBI was supposed to have begun because of the Hanssen case, into the actual uses of its case management system.

The FBI complaint against Aragoncillo stated that he emailed to associates in the Phillipines more than 100 sensitive intelligence documents that he had downloaded from the FBI's computer-based ACS case management system. There have, moreover, been U.S. press reports, including a report by ABC, that Aragoncillo spied for the Phillipines by downloading classified information from the computer systems of other agencies. Prior to joining the FBI, Aragoncillo was a U.S. Marine assigned to the Office of the Vice President, and reportedly used computers in that office to download classified documents from computer systems at the Pentagon and at the CIA.

The case of Aragoncillo can be compared to the earlier case of Robert Hanssen. The FBI complaint filed against Hanssen in February 2001 stated that Hanssen had made "extensive use" of the FBI's computer-based case management system to steal U.S. intelligence secrets for the Russians, and that he had also given the Russians a copy of a technical manual on the COINS II (Community On-Line Information System, 2d version), a software system used by various U.S. intelligence agencies to track the intelligence information they produce. A report by the *washingtonpost.com* in 2001 stated that Hanssen had also stolen U.S. intelligence secrets from the computer systems of other agencies such as the CIA, NSA, the Pentagon, and the White House.

In both cases, the spies planted in the FBI had evidently been able to gather information by using the PROMIS-derivative software system underpinning all of these U.S. intelligence community database systems.

Reporting on the recent Phillipino spy case, John Diamond of USA Today wrote: "After the Hanssen case, the FBI began a \$170 million upgrade of its computer network. Severe technical problems led that upgrade to be scrapped, and only now is the FBI seeking bids for a new system, called Sentinel." The FBI has serious problems.

### **Teaching a Lesson to China**

U.S. Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales accompanied President Bush on his November 2005 trip to China, primarily to talk turkey to the Chinese authorities about their need to better enforce the copyrights protecting U.S. intellectual property. A recent study estimated that 90% of all software sold in China has been stolen from its copyright owners. On November 10, 2005, just days before the President's visit to China, Gonzales unveiled proposed legislation called the Intellectual Property Protection Act of 2005. The proposed legislation seeks to promote full restitution to companies victimized by copyright infringement.

The new legislative proposal and lobbying of the Chinese Government expose the Bush Administration and its Justice Department to charges of hypocrisy. The United States is attempting to convince China to do a better job of enforcing software copyright rights, and, where necessary, to see to it that "victim companies" receive full restitution. But the U.S. Government has set a poor example by refusing for two decades to make any restitution to Inslaw. Moreover, the Justice Department, which is the U.S. Government's main agency for enforcing copyright rights, has instead obstructed attempts to get to the bottom of the Inslaw affair, according to the fully-litigated findings of two federal courts and the investigative findings of two congressional committees.

"Inslaw deserves to be compensated. More importantly, the American people deserve to know the truth: Did government greed and bureaucratic hubris lead to a wholesale sellout of our national security? The Bush White House's credibility is on the line," wrote nationally syndicated columnist, Michelle Malkin, in The Washington Times. There is no better way to state it.

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"The course of history shows that as a government grows, liberty decreases."

"Experience hath shewn, that even under the best forms [of government] those entrusted with power have, in time, and by slow operations, perverted it into tyranny."

Every poll shows that Americans do not trust Congress or Bush Cheney, so what is the problem in making the mental leap from thinking to action? The Republicans are viewed as corrupt and sleazy and so are the Democrats.

Jefferson also knew that power insulates itself and left the door open for the any of the United States of America to initiate a state originated articles of impeachment against the Federal Government.

Section 603 states, *inter alia*:

"Inception of impeachment proceedings in the House. House of Representatives there are various methods of setting an impeachment in motion: by charges made on the floor on the responsibility of a Member or Delegate (II, 1303; III, 2342, 2400, 2469; VI, 525, 526, 528, 535, 536); by charges preferred by a memorial, which is usually referred to a committee for examination (III, 2364, 2491, 2494, 2496, 2499, 2515; VI, 543); or by a resolution dropped in the hopper by a Member and referred to a committee (Apr. 15, 1970, p. 11941-42; Oct. 23, 1973, p. 34873); by a message from the President (III, 2294, 2319; VI, 498); **by charges transmitted from the legislature of a State (III, 2469) or Territory (III, 2487)** or from a grand jury (III, 2488); or from facts developed and reported by an investigating committee of the House (III, 2399, 2444)."

That is one of the reasons the Federal Government has been undermining states rights so they can consolidate power as it was never intended to be in this nation. The elected leaders (the puppets) and the Wealthy Elite (the Puppet Masters) want it that way in DC and the corporations do to, to their advantage and your disadvantage.

It is truly impressive how many on the Email Update List are paying attention, learning and seeking a solution. Many ask me every day, "**OK, Karl, I get it, I see the problem. NOW, what do we do about it?**"

There is a way to affect a *coup d'etat* and oust this criminal cabal from power but it will be very dangerous for the person that we pick to be President. You read that right, we can pick who will be the next president and the powers-that-be will be plenty miffed. Murderously miffed is the picture you need to keep in mind.

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We can call it ***Operation Dark Horse*** and I can assure you that what you are about to read is the worst nightmare come true for the folks in Washington, DC.

There is a problem in this Nation. Americans want change but are not willing to stand up and fight. Americans want leadership that will effect that change but they need to understand that to fix what is broke will put that person in Harm's Way. To change America that has to change and people need to get active and make it happen.

RNC has made is abundantly clear that they do not intend to do any of the following items, but they are the items that have to be done for America to survive.

Such a president could not fly around on Air Force One and make a target of himself. Such a president would have to forego state funerals, speaking engagements, pressing of the flesh and holding babies for the photo op.

Such a president would be the Dark Horse that is the People's Choice to turn the power of the federal government on those that have stolen this nation from its people. He would be the Populist President.

We have been discussing that behind the scenes with many parties and there is a way to beat these bastards and break the stranglehold on this nation.

Get out and get your voter registration in proper order right now. Do not wait until mid to late 2008. None of us have the time to listen to anyone whining that they were denied the right to vote because they failed to get registered in time according the laws of the state they live in. The battle starts now and if you miss out because you procrastinate, do not waste the time of those fighting this battle.

For those 71 million that did not vote last time or have not voted in years, here is your chance to change why you are apathetic about the future of this nation. We can take it back and we need every eligible voter to get off their duffs and join the battle.

The RNC and DNC can rely on many unthinking Americans that would blindly go to the voting precincts and vote for the RNC Dumbo and DNC Daffy Duck if that is who they put on the 2008 ballot. However, many are waking up and see that these two parties are corrupt and if we do not join hands across ideological lines they will continue to undermine what is best about America.

We need a Notary Public for every voting place in every precinct in this nation. That Notary Public will need a special stamp that expedites the notarization of a paper ballot and all fields will be filled in except the signature of that notary.

That paper ballot is not for voting for the Anointed Candidates of the RNC or DNC.

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That paper ballot is a notarized forensic trail that the person appeared, voted and voted for a write in candidate. When the numbers exceed the electronic vote they intend to steal any way and there is a forensic trail, they will not be able to explain that.

We will need volunteers that will count those paper ballots in each voting location and make sure the RNC and DNC folks do not make them disappear. The written notarized document will be in duplicate, one for the vote counting and one to prove who you voted for and it was not the offered puppets of RNC or DNC.

The Dark Horse Presidential Candidate will stand for the following and be pledged to do it, even if it takes law enforcement or military force to do it:

- The Federal Reserve will be audited, charges may be brought, and it will no longer serve as the money changers for this Nation. The function of money will be returned to the US Treasury and the people.
- The IRS would be severely overhauled and how the government collects taxes would be applied to all with the poorest among us paying the least, the wealthiest and corporations paying the most.
- The United States military will be re-deployed to our borders and the illegal immigration matter will be addressed. Those here now will be located, backgrounds will be checked, and some are going back permanently.
- The National Debt will be paid off right now by recovering the \$27.5 Trillion in US dollar equivalents. Ambassador Leo Wanta is under US District Court order to liquidate certain offshore corporations, recover the funds, and pay the taxes due. We intend to stipulate that the taxes due have to be applied to reduce or eliminate the National Debt rather than disappear into Federal Reserve coffers. We have reason to believe that they would dump these funds into the M3 money supply that they no longer report to US citizens.

The funds in question have been used in covert financial attacks and we intend that they will not longer be available for such purposes. \$27.5 trillion was printed off by the Federal Reserve, taken offshore and swapped for other currencies so the trail would be hidden from public view. One cannot find these funds in the Official National Debt reports.

- Out of that \$27.5 trillion at least \$1 trillion will be allocated to create jobs. The job creation engine of this nation is broken and that will be addressed. Due to the size of the accounts where the \$27.5 trillion is hidden we are having to do bank workouts offshore to make sure the recovery of these funds does not collapse the 18 nations where the funds are hidden.



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- Out of the \$27.5 trillion at least \$1 trillion will be allocated to repair of infrastructure. Crews to repair our infrastructure could be recruited from the illegal aliens allowed to stay in the United States and non-violent offenders that are sentenced to work rather than filling a cell in a jail or prison.
  - Out of the \$27.5 trillion at least \$1 trillion will be allocated to address the harm done to our veterans and cease the willful neglect of this US government towards them. That will include the anthrax vaccine and the DU issues.
  - Out of \$27.5 trillion at least \$1 trillion will be allocated to address the DU clean up in Afghanistan, Bosnia and Iraq, and possibly more for reparations to foreigners and US soldiers alike.
  - Out of the \$27.5 trillion, at least \$10 billion will be allocated to a citizen's class action legal fund and the United States Government and certain elite insiders will be sued and their actions exposed to the world.
  - All foreign lobbies would be barred from Capitol Hill.
  - Middle East policy would undergo a full restructuring including pulling our troops out of Iraq.
  - Our border problems would be addressed and the door to illegal immigration would be slammed shut. Those illegal aliens that came here to be engaged in crime will be sent home never to return.
  - Our military policies and procurement would undergo a full audit and many changes would be made. The entire upper echelon of the US military would be replaced as well as NSA, CIA, State Department, etc. The door would be shown to the Neocons and some of them would be facing criminal prosecution.
  - Every veil Bush has put in the 9-11 matters would be removed and fully investigated, fully prosecuted. The FBI and DOJ would see specific teams set up to fully investigate with the full authority of the President behind them. All whistleblowers would be supported rather than punished for coming forward to expose the sleaze in our government.
  - Congress would find itself under investigation due to their complicity in this bogus Global War on Terror and the undermining of the United States Constitution. That includes both sides of the aisle.

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- US policy in the Islamic world would be overhauled in serious ways that are long overdue.
  - Anti-trust laws will be enforced and the move to fewer and fewer firms dominating entire industries would be deemed not in the best interests of the United States.
  - Free Trade will have to become Fair Trade of those agreements will be modified.

America needs such a Dark House candidate, otherwise this nation will continue to slide towards economic fascism and the idiotic policies that favor the elite and crush you will continue.

My platform addressed much of the above but we are now working with Ambassador Wanta to recover the funds and affect some solutions that are long overdue in this nation.

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Whether that candidate is me or someone else as equally dedicated to effecting the needed changes, 2008 is a time to put a plan into action that will break the stranglehold the RNC and DNC have built around our government.

Whoever stands up will have put their life on the line and the White House would not be a place of fun and parties for a long time.

It will literally be war and revolution right here to rid the US of a tyranny worse than what we threw out in 1776.

Best regards,

Karl

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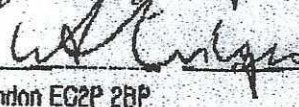
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## **National Security Needs NEW PROMIS**

A month after 9/11, INSLAW, Inc. retained C. Boyden Gray as its counsel to pursue a settlement of software copyright claims against the United States. This effort, the first since INSLAW's counsel Elliot Richardson's death in 1999, had two objectives: (1) to offer the government use of the latest, completely revamped but fully-tested, version of INSLAW's PROMIS software for the war on terrorism, and (2) to realize just compensation for the government's use of unauthorized derivatives of the 1980's PROMIS in intelligence applications. The settlement was intended to be low key with no recriminations or public statements.

INSLAW counsel Gray proposed that the United States purchase a global license to the "user-friendly," "highly adaptive," "point-and-click" new generation of PROMIS to upgrade intelligence database systems that are based on the 1980's PROMIS. This could be accomplished quickly because INSLAW had already successfully upgraded other large enterprise customers from the 1980's generation to the current PROMIS, and had developed for that purpose special software to convert the 1980's databases of Old PROMIS to New PROMIS.

Some history is appropriate to document why compensation is justified and why the government desperately needs the formidable capabilities of New PROMIS.

The Justice Department's misappropriation of PROMIS (Prosecutor's Management Information System) began in 1982 when the government launched three separate channels for the covert, illicit sale and distribution of PROMIS-derivative software without regard to INSLAW's copyright rights. The government made available through all three of these illicit channels the IBM mainframe version of PROMIS. The government had access to that version of PROMIS because INSLAW had earlier licensed that version to one of the legal divisions of the Justice Department for litigation tracking. The government also later made available at least one other version of the copyright-protected PROMIS software.

The first channel was for the sale and distribution of the IBM mainframe version of PROMIS to banks. President Reagan assigned this new "Follow-the-Money" mission to NSA in early 1982 for real-time, signal intelligence monitoring of the electronic funds transfers of terrorists and narcotic cartels. (In a published interview, William Casey, Director of Central Intelligence, took credit for "the penetration of the international banking system, allowing a steady flow of data from the real secret set of books...")

Later in 1982, the United States launched the second channel when it gave a copy of the IBM mainframe version of PROMIS to Israeli intelligence for sale to foreign intelligence agencies. Israel installed a "trap door" in PROMIS, enabling U.S. and Israeli signal intelligence agencies to access intelligence files of foreign governments that bought it.

President Reagan's deputy national security advisor, and an American businessman with ties to the highest levels of the Reagan White House, gave this version of PROMIS to a high-ranking Israeli intelligence official during a meeting in 1982 in Washington, D.C.

Israel then made the initial PROMIS sale under this second illicit distribution channel when it sold the IBM mainframe version of PROMIS to Military Intelligence in Jordan. This enabled Israel to steal Jordan's files on Palestinian terrorists. Israel made the sale through an information technology company controlled by the same American businessman. That American businessman had persuaded the Reagan White House to establish this second illicit distribution channel for his personal financial gain. (The information in this and the preceding paragraph is based on a book written by a former Israeli intelligence officer involved in sales under the second channel, and on published interviews with the former high-ranking Israeli intelligence official who directed Israeli intelligence's partnership with the Reagan Administration on PROMIS.)

The third channel for covert sales and distribution of PROMIS began in 1982 with a decision by William Casey, Director of Central Intelligence, to use PROMIS for gathering and disseminating intelligence information within the U.S. intelligence community, including components of the U.S. Armed Forces. The first dissemination was to U.S. nuclear submarines of a new version of PROMIS that INSLAW had just developed for the powerful VAX 11/780 computers. INSLAW had not yet licensed this version to any government customer. A CIA contractor in Herndon, Virginia "packaged" the intelligence versions of PROMIS for sale and distribution under all three channels. (The information in this paragraph came from several consistently reliable U.S. intelligence sources, none of whom knows of the others' existence, and essential aspects have been corroborated by federal court findings and other testimonial and documentary evidence.)

To obtain this VAX 11/780 version of PROMIS, the U.S. Justice Department used the contract it had with INSLAW for the installation of PROMIS in the largest U.S. Attorneys Offices. As two federal courts determined, the Justice Department launched its scheme to steal the VAX 11/780 version of PROMIS from INSLAW in November 1982, and "took, converted, stole" it through "trickery, fraud, and deceit" when the Department modified INSLAW's contract in April 1983 to obtain delivery of it under false pretenses. After stealing it, the government tried "unlawfully and without justification" to force INSLAW into liquidation so the Company would be unable to seek legal redress. Neither of the first two federal courts knew that the Justice Department, since the beginning of 1982, had been covertly disseminating another version of PROMIS, i.e., the IBM mainframe version, for intelligence applications.

A Justice Department document in the House Judiciary Committee's 1992 Investigative Report indicated that Israel obtained the VAX 11/780 version of PROMIS from the U.S. Justice Department in early May 1983.

Israel then sold the VAX 11/780 version of PROMIS back to the United States through Robert Maxwell, the British publisher who was the main instrumentality for Israel's sales of PROMIS to intelligence agencies.

The VAX11/780 application on U.S. nuclear submarines, related to the tracking of Soviet submarines, and to U.S. contingency plans for nuclear warfare against the Soviet Union. This included the use of PROMIS databases for two types of "fire control" through "computer program delivery": (1) the destruction of enemy submarines; and (2) the destruction of "over the horizon" targets by submarine-launched nuclear missiles.

The Sandia and Los Alamos National Laboratories in New Mexico are the two main resources for intelligence support of U.S. nuclear warfare capabilities. Two "technology transfer" employees of Sandia alerted the FBI Albuquerque, New Mexico office during the summer of 1984 of the risk to U.S. national security because Robert Maxwell, the British publisher who made the PROMIS sales in New Mexico, was concurrently doing business with the Soviet Government.

The FBI Albuquerque office opened a foreign counter-intelligence investigation of the New Mexico PROMIS sales on June 1, 1984 but closed the investigation in early August 1984.

(Facts in the preceding four paragraphs have been gleaned from: (1) a redacted copy of the FBI's report of the investigation obtained under the Freedom of Information Act; (2) sworn testimony of a *Navy Times* reporter about what he had learned from the Navy about the deployment of PROMIS on its nuclear submarines in the early 1980's on VAX 11/780 computers; (3) a U.S. Navy advertisement in the late 1980's for a vendor to support "PROMIS" for two types of computer-directed firing applications on board nuclear submarines; and (4) a published interview with William Casey in which he listed new techniques for tracking Soviet ballistic missile submarines as one of his proudest achievements as Director of Central Intelligence.)

The well documented failure in 2005 of the FBI's four-year, \$170 million project to replace its 20-year-old PROMIS-derivative case management system; the *Baltimore Sun's* expose in January 2006 of NSA's failed \$1.2 billion project to develop new information technology; and Homeland Security Secretary Chertoff's testimony to Congress in early 2006 about his department's lack of information technology for tracking its work, establish beyond question the desperate condition of all three agencies regarding information technology for critical national security-related operations.

For example, the FBI is still using outdated technology. Its case management software is based on "user-unfriendly" "1980's technology," according to the 9/11 Commission's report in 2004. This report blamed the outdated user interface of the FBI's software for the FBI's failure to discover in time that two of its field offices had entered different but complementary leads into its case management system about Arab men taking flight training. (FBI Director Mueller admitted to INSLAW counsel Gray during a meeting at

the end of 2001 that the FBI's case management system is based on the INSLAW software.)

Also, NSA collected more than 30 hints of the impending 9/11 attacks through signal intelligence during the three years preceding 9/11. This information, stored in computer databases, was never exploited. (This was a finding of the joint congressional inquiry into the intelligence failures on 9/11). CIA Director James Woolsey told INSLAW counsel Elliot Richardson in 1993, after Woolsey requested an investigation by the CIA's General Counsel, that NSA and CIA use an "identical" IBM mainframe computer version of PROMIS to keep track of the intelligence information they produce. (A copy of Richardson's October 1, 1993 letter to CIA Director Woolsey memorializing this is attached.)

During months immediately following the attacks on 9/11, INSLAW Counsel Gray and INSLAW's principals met successively, but to no avail, with Secretary Rumsfeld's top intelligence aide, a senior White House Homeland Security official, and a top Republican National Committee official seeking a settlement that would have made the latest version of PROMIS available to the government for the war on terrorism.

Following up on a suggestion from FBI Director Mueller to contact Deputy Attorney General Larry Thompson, Gray had the attached letter hand-delivered to Deputy Attorney General Larry Thompson on January 8, 2002. In the letter, Gray asks for a meeting to discuss possible upgrades of outdated versions of PROMIS in the FBI and U.S. intelligence agencies. Gray's letter summarizes some of the evidence of the government's misappropriation of the 1980's generation of PROMIS for intelligence applications. Gray disclosed corroboration he recently obtained from a former national security colleague of his in the Reagan White House. The Deputy Attorney General never responded to Gray's letter, and never scheduled a meeting with INSLAW.

The negative ramifications for U.S. national security of the government's stonewalling did not become clear until 2005 when FBI Director Mueller notified Congress of the failure of the FBI's four-year, \$170 million project to develop user-friendly case management software.

However, the reason for the stonewalling was revealed to INSLAW counsel Gray in April 2003. A trusted government source informed Gray that: Paul Wolfowitz, Deputy Secretary of Defense, Scooter Libby, Chief of Staff and National Security Advisor to Vice President Cheney, and Richard Perle, Chairman of the Defense Policy Board, were all opposed to a settlement with INSLAW for fear that any such settlement could embarrass Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and complicate U.S. policy in the Middle East. Each of these senior Bush Administration officials, according to Gray's source, was "intimately familiar" with the INSLAW case because the government had given the PROMIS software to Israeli intelligence years earlier.

Two documents, included with Gray's letter to Thompson, concerned the pivotal role Sharon's protégé, Rafi Eitan, played in the PROMIS affair. Prior to his appointment in



1981 by then Israeli Defense Minister Sharon as Director of LAKAM, Eitan had served for many years as deputy director of Mossad, Israel's main intelligence agency. LAKAM is the intelligence agency that supports Israel's nuclear weapons program.

Both documents are sworn statements of Gordon Thomas, author of an authorized history of Mossad and a biography of Robert Maxwell. Thomas also produced a British television documentary on Mossad. Eitan made significant admissions about PROMIS while being interviewed by Thomas in the late 1990's. The highlights of Eitan's admissions are summarized in the following paragraphs:

After leaving the California cabinet of Governor Ronald Reagan, Earl W. Brian made a number of business trips to Iran during the 1970's, where he met Eitan. Brian was even then talking about the PROMIS software and his interest in finding a way to profit from it. After Reagan was elected President, Eitan invited Brian to visit him in Israel. When Brian arrived, he was visibly upset because he had just learned that the U.S. Justice Department had taken PROMIS for an intelligence application in the banking sector without giving him an opportunity to profit from the application.

Seeking to exploit Brian's greed for the benefit of Israel, Eitan concocted a scheme for Brian to persuade the Reagan Administration to give copies of PROMIS to Israel for re-sale to foreign intelligence agencies. Israel would first secretly equip PROMIS with a "trap door" to enable the United States and Israel to use signal intelligence methods to steal the intelligence files of foreign governments.

Brian persuaded the Reagan Administration to provide PROMIS to Israel. In February 1983, the U.S. Justice Department arranged for Eitan to take a taxi from the Department to INSLAW, under the guise of being a visiting Israeli prosecutor by the name of "Dr. Ben Or", for a demonstration of the VAX 11/780 version of PROMIS.

Israel had Brian make the first sale of PROMIS to the Kingdom of Jordan for its Military Intelligence agency. Brian used Hadron, Inc., an information technology company he controlled, to make the sale. That sale enabled Israel to steal Jordan's intelligence files on Palestinian terrorists, and validated Eitan's plan to use PROMIS as a tool for espionage. Eitan then enlisted the British publisher, Robert Maxwell, as Israel's principal instrumentality for sales of PROMIS to intelligence agencies because Maxwell controlled a network of companies around the world that was suitable for making such sales. Maxwell eventually sold over \$500 million worth of copies of PROMIS. The CIA also directly sold \$30-40 million worth of copies of PROMIS to foreign governments for espionage.

The United States, moreover, installed PROMIS in some of its own agencies, such as the FBI and the CIA, as their internal tracking systems. Israeli

intelligence, operating out of the Israeli Embassy in Washington, D.C., penetrated some of these PROMIS systems in the U.S. Government and stole U.S. intelligence secrets.

Eitan's role in arranging the sale of the VAX 11/780 version of PROMIS in 1983 or 1984, through Maxwell in New Mexico, enabled Eitan to steal the crown jewels of U.S. nuclear intelligence secrets. Eitan accomplished this espionage through a civilian analyst at U.S. Naval Intelligence by the name of Jonathan Pollard. Pollard used a computer terminal on his desk at U.S. Naval Intelligence in Suitland, Maryland in 1984 and 1985 to steal U.S. nuclear intelligence secrets from database systems. Eitan was Pollard's Israeli spymaster. (*The New York Times* reported on March 3, 2006 that Eitan recently stated in an interview with *Yediot Aharonot*, a leading Israeli newspaper, that Pollard had provided "information of such high quality and accuracy" that he could not face stopping the operation even though it was aimed at Israel's closet ally, the United States. This was Eitan's first public comment on Pollard's espionage in 20 years.)

In mid-1984, Eitan appointed an Israeli Air Force colonel, who was "perhaps Israel's top air force expert in nuclear targeting and the delivery of nuclear weapons," as Pollard's controller "to help Pollard gather the essential information," including "advanced American intelligence on weather patterns and communications protocols, as well as data on emergency and alert procedures." (According to *The Samson Option*, a book on Israel's nuclear weapons program.) By the time of his arrest for espionage in late 1985, Pollard had stolen "techniques the American Navy used to track Soviet submarines around the world;" information about "nuclear-armed submarines of the Soviet Union on patrol in the Mediterranean;" and "the attack plan against the U.S.S.R., all of it. The coordinates, the firing locations, the sequences." Moreover, Israel may have traded some of this extremely sensitive U.S. nuclear warfare-related intelligence information to the Soviet Union in exchange for the release of Soviet Jews. (When *The New Yorker* reported this in 1999, it revealed it had obtained the information from U.S. intelligence officials who were determined to block President Clinton from pardoning Pollard under pressure from Israel.)

Earl Brian and Hadron were involved behind the scenes when the Justice Department stole the VAX 11/780 version of PROMIS for Israel. The Chairman of Hadron contacted INSLAW in April 1983, approximately 10 days after the Justice Department stole the VAX 11/780 version of PROMIS for Israeli intelligence, seeking to buy INSLAW and boasting that Hadron expected to obtain the federal government's case management software business through its friendship with Edwin Meese, then White House Counselor to President Reagan.

(As reported by Independent Counsel Jacob Stein in 1984, Meese's wife had invested, during the month of President Reagan's first inauguration, in the holding company through which Brian controlled Hadron. Meese had failed to disclose that fact, as required by law, on his Federal Financial Disclosure Reports for 1981 and 1982. Meese was a member of President Reagan's National Security Council and, during the first two years of the Reagan Administration, Brian served under Meese as the unpaid Chairman of a White House Task Force on Health Care Cost Reduction. Hadron may have discovered

opportunities for new computer tracking software on nuclear submarines because Hadron's annual reports indicated substantial computer contract work with the U.S. nuclear submarine program in the early 1980's.)

William and Nancy Hamilton, the owners and officers of INSLAW, are patriotic Americans. While they have been grievously harmed by the government's actions, they are simply seeking just compensation for the taking of their property. Moreover, they do not wish to see the country suffer another 9/11-like disaster because the government failed to avail itself of information technology that would help to prevent it.

William Hamilton, the founder and Chief Executive Officer of INSLAW, worked for the NSA for seven years in the 1960's as an intelligence analyst and deputy chief of an intelligence branch. He voluntarily went on temporary assignment to Vietnam as a civilian NSA intelligence analyst during the U.S. military build-up in 1965. He had a Top Secret Codeword security clearance for all seven years of his NSA employment. He received a Letter of Commendation from NSA because Acting Secretary of Defense Cyrus Vance requested a special briefing on an intelligence report he authored. In his spare time, Hamilton was a contractor with the CIA for approximately ten years, translating into English Vietnamese-language speeches and articles by the Communist leaders of North Vietnam.

INSLAW has a long history of excellence with its PROMIS tracking software. The U.S. Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA), which provided financial support for INSLAW's development of the earliest generations of PROMIS in the 1970's to benefit large local district attorneys offices, designated PROMIS as an "Exemplary Project."

In 1978, Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School bestowed the John D. Rockefeller Award for Public Service on Hamilton and his first public prosecution customer for having met "a critical national need" through the development of PROMIS.

In its oversight hearings on the Justice Department in 1979, the Senate Judiciary Committee cited INSLAW's success in developing PROMIS for large local district attorneys offices as an example for the U.S. Justice Department because of what the Committee described as the repeated and expensive failures of the Department's own efforts to custom-develop case management software for legal divisions and U.S. Attorneys Offices. The congressional hearings prompted the Justice Department to license PROMIS for one legal division and to conduct a pilot test of PROMIS in two of the largest U.S. Attorneys Offices. The success of the pilot test led the Department in March 1982 to contract with INSLAW to install PROMIS in another 20 large U.S. Attorneys Offices.

On October 14, 1982, the deputy administrator of the General Services Administration (GSA), the agency which then had overall responsibility for the government's procurement of software, wrote a letter to the Comptroller General of the United States extolling the fact that INSLAW had successfully adapted PROMIS from state and local

prosecution to federal litigation. He declared that the PROMIS software was so demonstrably *adaptable* that it “could be further modified to track welfare recipients or any function requiring tracking.”

In June 1987, the Rand Corporation singled out INSLAW’s development of PROMIS, and its mining of the PROMIS data for insights into the administration of justice at the state and local levels, as among the seven most significant accomplishments during the first 20 years of federal financial support for improvements in the administration of justice at the state and local levels.

In August 1998, the Chief Judge of the U.S. Court of Federal Claims, the court with exclusive jurisdiction over copyright infringement claims against the government, sent an Advisory Report to the Senate stating: (1) INSLAW owns the copyright rights to PROMIS, including the exclusive right to modify PROMIS to create derivative works; (2) INSLAW never granted a license to the government to modify PROMIS to create derivative works; and (3) the United States would be liable to INSLAW for copyright infringement damages if the government had created any unauthorized derivatives of PROMIS. The Advisory Report was issued in response to a Congressional Reference resolution passed by the Senate in May 1995, which ordered the U.S. Court of Federal Claims to determine whether the United States owes INSLAW and the Hamiltons compensation for the government’s use of PROMIS.

By the time of this third federal trial on the government’s theft of PROMIS, INSLAW had discovered the government’s sales and distributions of PROMIS for intelligence applications. Unfortunately, the government lied to the court by (1) denying the FBI and NSA or any other U.S. law enforcement and intelligence agencies had ever created or used unauthorized derivatives from PROMIS; and by (2) concealing documents responsive to INSLAW’s discovery requests.

One example of such government concealment is the attached May 1985 letter between two Presidential appointees. The letter is about arrangements made by the Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Policy, for the covert sale and distribution of copies of PROMIS to governments in the Middle East. The letter states that this PROMIS was equipped with a “Special Data Retrieval Unit.” The government failed to produce this letter to INSLAW despite 20 relevant document requests. INSLAW received a copy of the letter from a U.S. intelligence official in November 2004, and has since obtained convincing confirmation of its authenticity from one of the principals.

The foregoing recounting of events only includes the highlights of unprincipled conduct of the U.S. Justice Department, the entity singularly charged with enforcing U.S. laws against the theft of property. The Department’s bold efforts to play a prominent role in international intelligence were only possible because the Department disregarded INSLAW’s property rights under U.S. copyright law, and abused secrecy protections surrounding issues of national security to conceal its wrongdoing.

The United States achieved considerable success from its illicit PROMIS ventures but at a terrible price. The list of unintended consequences is striking. Two infamous spies, Jonathan Pollard and FBI Agent Robert Hanssen, caused untold harm to the national security of the United States by using PROMIS to steal U.S. intelligence secrets for foreign governments. Moreover, Hanssen's gift of copies of the U.S. intelligence versions of PROMIS to the Soviet KGB eventually made its way to the Russian black market where these versions of PROMIS were purchased by Osama bin Laden and used by al Qaeda in espionage against the United States.

(A front-page report in the Washington Times, on the day in June 2001 when the Justice Department sealed its plea agreement with Hanssen, revealed: (1) FBI Agent Hanssen accessed PROMIS systems in the FBI and U.S. intelligence agencies to steal U.S. intelligence secrets for the Soviet KGB; (2) Hanssen stole for the KGB copies of the PROMIS software used in the FBI and U.S. intelligence agencies and used by U.S. intelligence within banks; (3) Osama bin Laden purchased copies on the Russian black market for \$2 million; and (4) al Qaeda used the stolen U.S. intelligence versions of PROMIS to evade detection and monitoring by the United States and to move its money through the banking system. The newspaper attributed its information to federal law enforcement officials familiar with Hanssen's debriefing. INSLAW counsel Gray included a copy of this report with his January 2002 letter to Deputy Attorney General Thompson.)

The decision to bypass INSLAW also caused untold damage because it condemned the FBI, NSA, and other units of the U.S. intelligence community to unnecessarily protracted use of 1980's PROMIS without access to remarkable technical advancements embodied in the latest generation of PROMIS. As noted earlier, some of the U.S. intelligence failures on 9/11 are directly related to the continued use in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century of systems based on 1980's technology.

It is an axiom of good government to maximize sources of supply for critically important technologies. What is merely an axiom has become a national security imperative because of the war on terrorism and the time and money already wasted by the FBI and NSA on failed projects to custom-develop new generations of their tracking software.

None of the three senior Bush Administration officials who were said to have opposed INSLAW counsel Gray's efforts to resolve the INSLAW case in 2001-2003 is in the Bush Administration today. Moreover, any concern that a fair resolution of the INSLAW affair could embarrass Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon should have ended with the recent and abrupt end of Sharon's career as a public figure in Israel.

The lingering abuses relating to the INSLAW affair can and should be rectified. Certainly, magnanimity by the Bush Administration could achieve a measure of long-delayed justice while enabling the government to acquire a new, already proven weapon for U.S. intelligence operations.

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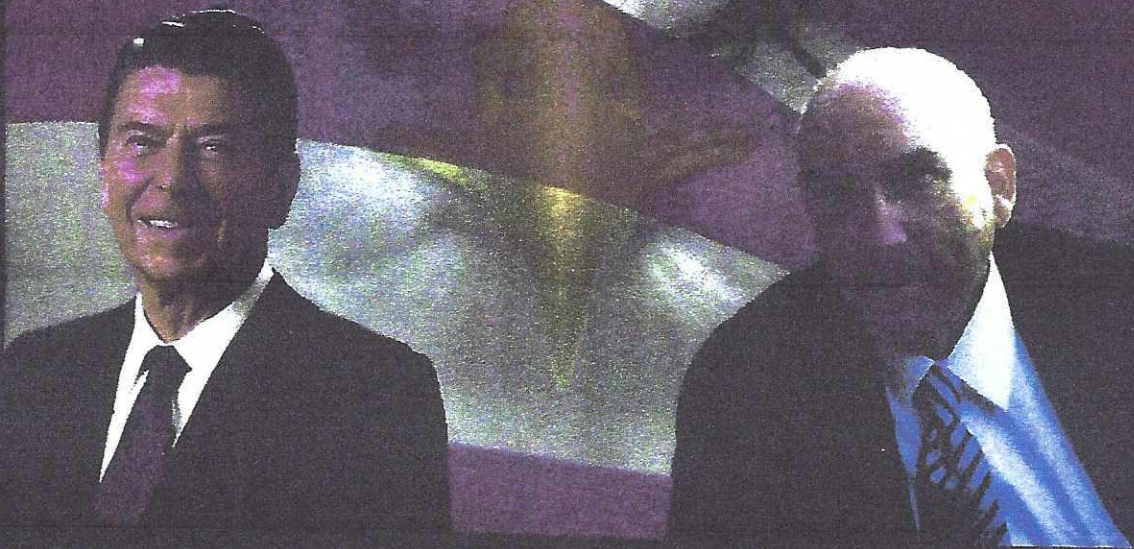
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Dear Ms Helgerson

**Re: Ambassador Leo Emil Wanta and the behaviour of the Wisconsin Department of Revenue generally notwithstanding Judge Michael B. Torphy's Restitution Order and Absolute Discharge from Restitution effective 14th November 2005: refer to Title 18 USC Section 4: Misprision of Felony in all dimensions of this specific case and generally: Repeated illegal Wisconsin State Civil Tax Assessments for the same amount of \$14,129 (paid under protest THREE TIMES, in May and June 1992 and again on 21 July 2005: now illegally demanded a fourth time) of a non-resident of the State of Wisconsin/USA: see inter alia the 24-page Supplement published with International Currency Review Volume 31, 3/4 (November 2006) and [www.worldreports.org/Home](http://www.worldreports.org/Home) Page/Archive posting dated March 20th 2007:**

I refer to our telephone conversation today timed at 7.30pm London (UK) time today, and thank you for your courtesy in taking the call and for confirming that **Roger Ervin**, Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Revenue, will telephone me concerning the matter of your Department's repeated illegal multiple civil tax assessment billings for the same amount of **\$14,129 (+)** and its 17+ years-long harassment of Ambassador Leo Emil Wanta, who has been a lawful resident of Vienna, Austria, since June 1988 and therefore is not and has not been during the tax periods cited in your documentation liable for any Wisconsin State tax at all. (I was directed at 7.23pm London time today to call your number 608-261 2271, by Ms Terry Alexander of the Wisconsin Department of Revenue).

I asked you why your Department has raised the same civil tax assessment against Ambassador Leo Wanta on three separate occasions and has taken and banked the three checks concerning the same amount of \$14,129 (+), of which the front and reverse of each check are held by myself and others, and why your Department has continued to demand, with interest, the same amount a fourth time, notwithstanding specifically that the full amount was paid under protest the third time on behalf of the Ambassador, to the Department of Corrections by Attorney Steven Goodwin on 21st July 2005.

For your further information, by way of reminder, John Dipko, Public Information Director, Wisconsin Department of Corrections, confirmed to me in his email dated 10th November 2006 timed at 16:36 UK time that on 4th August 2005 his Department sent to your Department a check by way of full settlement in the amount of **\$24,900.91** payable to the Wisconsin Department of Revenue, thereby settling in full the third illegally and incorrectly demanded civil tax assessment amount of \$14,129 (plus interest etc) which had already been paid twice under protest as 'nuisance payments' in May and June 1992, as confirmed by the documentation on file and as documented in the transcript of the County Court of The Hon Judge Michael B. Torphy Jr./Dane County, Wisconsin/USA.

As a consequence of the third protest payment, on 21st July 2005, of the same illegally raised civil tax assessment, following the decision in this matter of Judge Michael B. Torphy Jr., **Mr Matthew J. Frank**, Secretary, Wisconsin Department of Corrections, issued a **DISCHARGE** effective 14th November 2005 ordering that **'Leo E. Wanta is discharged ABSOLUTELY'**. Per Judge Michael B. Torphy's Restitution Order all 'obligations' to the State of Wisconsin (albeit charged illegally and apparently corruptly quadruplicated by the Wisconsin Department of Revenue), have been paid in full. The Department of Revenue has nothing to do with this matter, has no right to be involved, and as stated the Ambassador has in any case been discharged from restitution **ABSOLUTELY** since 14th November 2005.

Notwithstanding the above, I gather that the Ambassador should have received a Satisfaction of Judgment

document but that he has not been provided with it, which, given that the Department of Corrections sent your Department \$24,900.91 in full settlement on 4th August 2005, is clearly felonious. This is especially the case, given that Mr Gregg T Frazier, Central Audit Section, Wisconsin Department of Revenue, enclosed with his letter to the Ambassador dated 30th October 2006 demanding a fourth payment of the same civil income tax assessment, an 'amended' printout annotated in handwriting: '**Per Wisconsin Supreme Court Order Dated December 30, 2005**', an 'order' of which the Ambassador had and has no knowledge, since he, your victim, was not served with any such Wisconsin Supreme Court Order at any time.

This further means, in plain British English, at any rate, that Mr Wanta has no obligations whatsoever to the State of Wisconsin and of course that any Wisconsin State Civil Tax Assessments against Ambassador Leo Emil Wanta, a non-resident of the State of Wisconsin/USA since June 1988, are spurious, illegal and intermeddle with the Hon. Judge Torphy's Restitution Order and subsequent Discharge signed by the Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Corrections.

We also hold of course copies of (a) the receipt Number 2270992 PP signed by Wisconsin Department of Corrections Agent Michelle Riel referring to Attorney Steven Goodwin's check number 1098 for **\$30,626.97** and confirming that the Department of Corrections duly received his check on 21st July 2005, from which the above payment of **\$24,900.91** to the Wisconsin Department of Revenue was taken; and (b) a WI/DOC computer printout dated 22nd July 2005 signed by Agent Michelle Riel marked '**Paid in full 7/21/05**', referencing the amount of \$30,626.97, which self-evidently further confirms payment in full to the Department of Corrections, which is the lead Department in this matter given its 'ownership' of Judge Torphy's Restitution Order and the administration thereof throughout.

Although you represent or are the spokeswoman for the Department's Bureau of Communications, you resorted to the statement that you cannot comment on the tax affairs of a (purported) individual taxpayer and you reiterated this statement four of five times, even though I was able to understand you the first time. However the purpose of my enquiry is also to elicit an explanation of your Department's behaviour generally, arising out of this scandal, so that we can be in a position to report on this matter to the international financial community accordingly. The purpose of your office is presumably to communicate, not to block press enquiries, as you have done on this occasion. I pointed out several times that the issue is not just the spurious purported WI State tax affairs of Leo Emil Wanta, but also, as a consequence thereof, the ethical and possibly criminal behaviour of your Department. You then stated that 'I am familiar with your connection with Mr Leo Wanta', and also indicated that you had read or seen our recent website report on this matter, dated 20th March 2007, posted on [www.worldreports.org/Home/Archive](http://www.worldreports.org/Home/Archive). Later in the conversation you stated that you are not familiar with the detail of the case.

The detail of the case, including the full text of Mr Dipko's email to me dated 10th November 2006, is posted on our website as stated above and was earlier elaborated in the 24-page Supplement published with International Currency Review, Volume 31, Numbers 3 & 4, last November, for the benefit and information of the international and US domestic financial, intelligence and political communities.

I further reminded you that on 3rd November 2005, when I also spoke with you, I spoke to Gregg T. Frazier, Chief, Central Audit Section, concerning these issues, and that in the course of that conversation he indicated to me that '**I will have to look into the matter**'. He made this statement to me twice in the same telephone conversation.

At about 8.40pm UK time today you telephoned me on 1-800 661 4809 and stated that you had contacted the office of the Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Revenue, Roger Ervin, and that he had instructed you to tell me that (quote) 'he will not make any comment on the Wanta case', thereby of course specifically commenting on the Wanta case and indicating his familiarity with it. In this second conversation I reminded you that you had stated specifically that Mr Ervin WILL call me. You made that statement twice. I therefore asked you why you had said this, and you replied that you had 'checked with the Secretary', which is not consistent with what you stated to me in the first telephone conversation of today's date (see above). I had been led to believe by you that Mr Ervin WILL telephone me about this matter and you have not complied with your earlier statement.

I also reminded you, in our second conversation today, that you had informed Mr Richard N. Goldberger, a journalist in Utah, that the Wanta 'file is closed'. Specifically I have an email confirming this, from Mr Goldberger, dated 20th January 2007 (timed at 13:15 UK time). You responded: 'I apologise'.

When you stonewalled in the second telephone call above, I again pointed out that this matter is broader than the issue of a purported individual taxpayer's spurious tax affairs, as it impinges upon the ethical and possibly criminal behaviour of your Department. The facts are the facts, and they are fully documented, with the necessary copies held in multiple locations. I closed by stating that, given your Department's obvious stonewalling and failure to assist my enquiries, there are many ways to skin a cat, meaning that other avenues, I understand, will therefore be followed in order to bring this matter to the appropriate outcome.

Should you and your colleagues decide, in the light of the above and on further consideration, that it would be helpful for your reiterated and specific undertaking to me that Mr Roger Ervin will telephone me, to be fulfilled, I will of course be very pleased to take his call on 1-800 661 4809.

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