

Endnote 32: Correspondence with Congress.

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The Honorable
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Report of Witness Tampering -
Harassment of Whitewater Grand Jury Witness

Dear Senator :

I am writing you to inform you of a very disturbing crime committed against my client, Mr. Patrick J. Knowlton. Its implications are of significant interest to the public.

Mr. Knowlton was in Fort Marcy Park on July 20, 1993, within 80 minutes of the discovery of the body of deputy White House counsel Vincent Foster. On October 22, 1995, Mr. Knowlton's story was published in a London newspaper, along with allegations that the FBI falsified reports of Mr. Knowlton's account of what he saw in the park. Four days later, on Thursday, October 26, Mr. Knowlton was served a subpoena to testify the following Wednesday, November 1, before the Washington, DC grand jury investigating Whitewater and other matters, including Mr. Foster's death.

During the time Mr. Knowlton spent in public the same day he received the subpoena, and continuing into the following day, he was the target of an orchestrated campaign of harassment and intimidation perpetrated by 25 or more men. We believe the harassment was an attempt to warn, destabilize and discredit Mr. Knowlton on the eve of his grand jury appearance.

The complete account of what happened to Mr. Knowlton is contained in the captioned Report. It is available to the public (see attachment). Mr. Knowlton and I thank you for your attention to this very disturbing crime.

Very truly yours,

John H. Clarke

Personalized letter, hand delivered to all 535 members of Congress, envelope marked "Member's personal attention." All seven responses follow.

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Mr. Louie Freeh
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
J. Edgar Hoover F.B.I. Building
Ninth Street & Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Director Freeh:

It has come to my attention that Patrick J. Knowlton, a Whitewater Grand Jury witness, believes he is the target of harassment by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

Mr. Knowlton was in Fort Marcy Park the day Vincent Foster's body was found. He saw a suspicious looking man and a vehicle that are not consistent with the official version of events. The FBI interviewed Mr. Knowlton about what he saw at Fort Marcy Park. Mr. Knowlton claims that the FBI did not accurately report his testimony after the interview. Even more disturbing, Mr. Knowlton believes he was followed and harassed by a team of what he thinks may have been FBI agents after he went public with his story in order to destabilize him before his grand jury appearance.

I would like to know if the FBI has conducted a surveillance of Patrick Knowlton. If so, who requested the surveillance? Most importantly, were the proper FBI procedures adhered to in the Foster case?

I appreciate your immediate attention to this request.

Sincerely,

Dana Rohrabacher
Dana Rohrabacher
Member of Congress

DR:lw

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Mr. Kenneth W. Starr
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Dear Mr. Starr,

I recently received a letter from John H. Clarke, an attorney, on behalf of his client Patrick Knowlton. He said in the letter and in a subsequent conversation which I initiated that his client has been harassed by people whom he believes are trying to prevent his testifying in the matter of Vincent Foster, and in also discrediting Mr. Knowlton with regard to the testimony he has already given. When I asked, he told me that he already reported this to your office and I told him that I had full confidence that your office would thoroughly investigate this. I did tell him that I would write to you noting that I had received this. As I told Mr. Clarke, I am fully confident that you and your office are giving this the attention it deserves.


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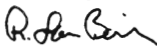
June 21, 1996

Dear Mr. Clarke:

Your letter of June 19, 1996 has been received.

We respectfully suggest you bring this matter to the attention of the proper legal authorities if you think there has been some violation of federal law with regard to your client.

Sincerely,



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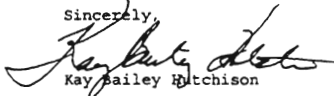
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Dear Mr. Clarke:

Thank you for your recent letter and enclosure.

A number of the circumstances of the matter in question continue to be troubling. In an effort to be of assistance, I have taken the liberty of forwarding your letter and the accompanying material to Senator Orrin Hatch, Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Senator Alfonse D'Amato, Chairman of the Senate Banking Committee, and Special Prosecutor Kenneth Starr.

Sincerely,



Kay Bailey Hutchison

United States Senate

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June 26, 1996

Mr. John H. Clarke
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Dear Mr. Clarke:

Thank you for your letter of June 19, 1996, regarding your allegations of harassment of your client Patrick J Knowlton.

While I would like very much to be of direct assistance to you in this matter, there is a long-standing policy of Congressional courtesy which reserves for a Representative the privilege of handling the affairs of her constituents. I am, therefore, taking the liberty of referring your correspondence to Eleanor Holmes Norton, since she represents the District of Columbia. I am confident Representative Norton will do everything possible to assist you.

Sincerely,



Paul D. Coverdell
United States Senator

PDC/jrp

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June 27, 1996

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Dear Mr. Clarke:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding your client, Mr. Patrick J. Knowlton. I have forwarded your correspondence to the House Government Reform and Oversight Committee which has jurisdiction over such matters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "E. Norton".
Eleanor Holmes Norton

DANIEL K. INOUE
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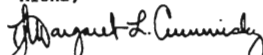
July 1, 1996

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Dear Mr. Clarke:

On behalf of Senator Inouye, who is away from the office, I wish to acknowledge receiving your letter concerning the alleged harassment and intimidation of your client, Mr. Patrick J. Knowlton, in conjunction with the investigation of Vincent Foster's death and the Whitewater affair. Before he left the office, the Senator asked me to acknowledge your letter and thank you for sharing this information with him.

Aloha,


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November 16, 1998

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By Hand

The Honorable Henry J. Hyde
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Re: (1) Patrick Knowlton v. FBI Agent Russell
Bransford, et al., USDC for DC, Conspiracy
to interfere with Civil Rights in violation
of 42 U.S.C. § 1985(2), Obstructing justice;
(2) Report on the Death of Vincent Foster, Jr.
By the Office of Independent Counsel
In re: Madison Guaranty
Savings & Loan Association

Dear Chairman Hyde:

The evidence of an FBI cover-up of the facts of Mr. Foster's death is clear. The Special Division of the US Court of Appeals ordered Mr. Starr to append evidence of this FBI cover-up to the only report Mr. Starr has filed with that Court, the Report on the Death of Vincent Foster. Congress runs the risk of looking ineffective if it ignores its Constitutional responsibility to act on this matter.

Mr. Starr's repeated and accurate description of his office as a "microcosm of the Justice Department" demonstrates his failure to create a prosecutorial office independent from the Department of Justice. This explains the Office of Independent Counsel's failure to bring a single indictment regarding the Travel Office matter and FBI files matter.

Personalized letter, hand delivered to all members of the House Judiciary Committee on the eve of Mr. Starr's testimony regarding the impeachment of the President. No response.

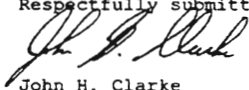
November 16, 1998
The Honorable Henry J. Hyde
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Mr. Starr's Office of Independent Counsel being a microcosm of the Justice Department also explains the contents of its Report on Mr. Foster's death, which is nothing more than another layer of the same, ongoing Justice Department cover-up. Not one single finding in that Report can withstand scrutiny when compared to the publicly available underlying investigative record. Mr. Starr has undermined our Ethics in Government Act.

In four-and-a-half years, the Office of Independent Counsel has filed two Reports regarding its investigations. If you ask Mr. Starr only about the Lewinsky Report, you will have ignored your Constitutional responsibility to exercise oversight over the Executive. The public has a right to know Mr. Starr's answers to the enclosed questions regarding his Report on the Death of Vincent Foster.

We are informing all members of the House Judiciary Committee of the facts before filing in court the proof of the allegations in the enclosed Amended Complaint, filed October 21, 1998.

Respectfully submitted,



John H. Clarke

Enclosures:

Appendix to Report on the Death of Vincent Foster
Second Amended Complaint (excerpts)
with Motion for Leave to File
Transcript of oral argument in the trial court
(excerpts)
Questions prepared for Mr. Starr re the Office of
Independent Counsel's Report on the Death of
Vincent Foster