

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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COVER SHEET

SUBJECT: ABSCAM

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Public RESPONSE RE ABSCAM

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A job well done?

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Public Response Re Abscam

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Dear Mr Webster

I Love it!

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Your Investigaton of the congress is the best thing the F.B.I. has Ever done. I dont think all of our congressmen are weak But this should get the rest of them to clean there acts up. My Pet Peave is the way Israel has bought land paid for our ~~ing~~ Congress. Israel continues to settle occupiad Arab Land against the wishes of Every country in the world. But Many of our Congressmen back Israel no matter what they do. I am positive the Jewish Dollars have Flowed to ~~the~~ senators so they must support Israel. Anyway thank you.

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February 1980 From

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The Director of The F.B.I.
MR. William Webster

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Public response by
Dear Sir: ALSCAM

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I want to congratulate you AND the Federal Bureau of Investigation ON the recent uncovering of some bad politicians. Specifically the ones who thought that they would get some fast money from some rich Arabs.

I just want you to know that I'm happy to see our justice system AT work, AND AS AN AMERICAN I'm proud to be a citizen of this country.

I just hope now, that the courts, if this ever gets that far, will be harsh to these suppose to have been servants of the taxpayers.

"Well Done Sir!"

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MR. WEBSTER
DIRECTOR OF THE F.B.I.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Public Response Re
DEAR MR. WEBSTER, HDS/AM

I like many concerned citizens was shocked and dismayed at the latest revelations of ABSEAN became public, particularly since it involves so many political leaders from my home state.

I wanted however to take this opportunity to let you know that as distasteful it may be, I commend your agency's courage and diligence to recognize and take action against elected officials who betray the trust of the citizenry that elects them.

Realizing you are extremely busy and certainly respecting your privacy, I would consider it a singular honor if I could receive a personal written reply from you as to your thoughts how this present conflict will effect our political process.

In conclusion, may I add again, your agency through your direction is once again gaining its prominence as one of the greatest law enforcement agencies in the world.

Sincerely
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Dear Director Webster

Public Interest ~~ADSCAR~~

With Congress investigating itself and whitewashing the members who were caught red handed dipping in the till or accepting bribes it would be a big mistake on the part of the F.B.I. and the Justice Department to turn over the evidence, you have collected on the latest bribery case.

Do not short circuit the citizens of our country by letting the Ethics Committees of Congress have information that should be handled by the Grand Jury and our courts.

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The Roman Empire fell because of corruption and we must seek out and remove corrupt members of our government.

Respectfully, 4/19/80

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to the FBI. ⁽²⁾

I urge that members of both Parties be tested - so that nobody can charge selective entrapment or partisan politics.

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 Federal Bureau of Investigation
 Washington, DC.

public response
re: 1/17/80

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Director
The Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Director:

Public Response RE ABSCAM

It is most reassuring to read and view the efforts of your Bureau as reported on media communications. I speak of operation ABSCAM. To know that these operations are designed to remove or ethically sanction weak members of our representative government through trial and House debate is truly comforting. It underscores my faith in The United States of America as a progressive society dedicated to responsible freedom and decision. Each day, hard decisions face all members of our national legislature. These decisions are to be made by men beyond reproach and to benefit the majority of Americans and not just the powerful few groups which exercise temptation; the kind that people seem to want.

Thank you for your dedication toward supporting the backbone of our representstive government, ethics. I personally hope that more operations are planned for the future, an effective program must continue.

Thank you once again.

Respectfully,

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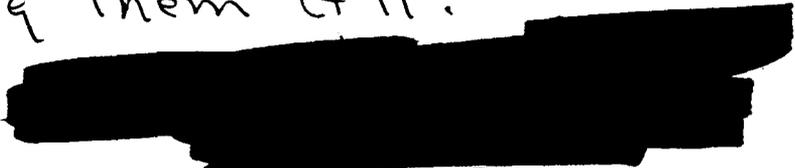
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PUBLIC RESPONSE RE ABSCAM

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Dear Sir:
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A wonderful job -
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Sincerely,

/s/ [REDACTED]

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Judge William Webster, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U.S. Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20535

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Dear Judge Webster:

The media have brought me the results of the FBI's "high level sting operation" and I would like to make a few gratuitous professional comments, for what they are worth.

The country is suffering from, both, an attack of neurotic selfishness among the population at large and an acceleration of crime. Many people are fond of pointing this out but few point toward the country's leadership as the source of these trends. Moreover, some thirty years ago I met a member of the Mafia who stated very emphatically that much more money was illegally exchanged at government levels than in all of the country's professional criminal ventures. Since government officials are in a position to cover up most of their illicit behavior it is not difficult to believe in the ice berg theory. What I would have to say about political power seekers as a group would take some space but it is obvious to thinking behavioral scientists that political, criminal, and selfish intent overlap considerably.

I believe that the initiative which the FBI took in the sting operation will start to reorient behavior in politics, will give heart to that population sector which is not illicitly inclined, and may start a process toward healing the nation's selfish/criminal illness.

I hope that the initiative taken by the FBI in this small group of singularities will grow into an ongoing program of determination, strength, and vigor. Although the acts which the FBI will be bringing to prosecution are easy to prove there are many criminal malfeasances in government which are of enormous collective impact. They may presently be difficult to prove under criminal statute but even their exposure is valuable. Perhaps, also, the FBI will be able to develop methods by which many acts of criminal malfeasance can be prosecuted.

I thank you in a personal sense also.

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Sincerely,

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Feb. 5, 1980

Director - FBI
 FBI Building
 Washington, D.C.

QUESTIONS
 public response
 re ABSCAM

Dear Sir,

Congratulations to your agency on its superb work in the Abasco operation.

My only question is, why did you stop? The "Koreagate" investigation was a whitewash and coverup. I am waiting for this new probe to become the same.

Disgustingly, more than two-thirds of our elected officials are cohorts in crime; percentage might even

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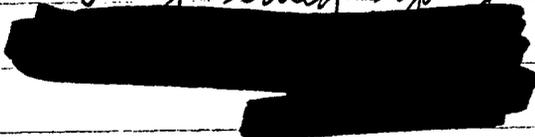
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no definite results.

Very truly yours


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William Webster
 Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
 J. Edgar Hoover F.B.I. Building
 Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Director:

Public response re ABSCAM

Obviously, I know very little about the ABSCAM investigation. However, due to the noises which have been escaping from Congress since this news became public, I've felt that you and the Bureau may be in need of some public support. This may be considered my part.

Recent history gives one the impression that "white-collar" crime pays very well, indeed.

Illegal activities by our lawmakers is not unusual news. Successful prosecution of these lawmakers, however, is somewhat unusual.

I wish you and your people the very best and I hope that the ABSCAM investigation results in justice for the American people.

Sincerely,


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Good luck and God bless you and your wonderful group of men.

Sincerely,

/s/

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P.S. Until recently I lived on Staten Island and I have seen plenty which bears investigating.

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February 5, 1980

William H. Webster
 Director
 Federal Bureau of Investigation
 Washington, D.C.

Public Response

re AbSCAM

Dear Mr. Director:

I would like to express my congratulations and my support for your efforts in this recent investigation of U.S. Congressmen; the so-called 'sting' operation. I have long thought that the FBI had great potential for being used to repress views unpopular to those in power and while I am still in favor of imposing some additional checks and balances on the agency (so that its power can't be easily abused, as in the past) I think that these recent actions will go a long way towards restoring the credibility, impartiality and honor that the FBI has long been lacking. It's too bad that the news leaked out before the indictments could have been issued.

Once again, congratulations, well done!!

Sincerely,

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Director of the F.B.I.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Public response re Abscam

OUTSIDE SOURCE

Regarding the current bribery case now in front of the American people. I say CONGRATULATIONS to you and your people. Its about time someone took real interest in protecting the credibilty of our government. My wife and I call on you to keep up the good work. Get rid of the crooks--and I repeat, crooks-- in congress.

We have raised seven children and paid taxes since 1936. We want those taxes to go where they should. Also, we Americans want a honest congress that we can trust in all matters concerning the running our my country. Anyone who profits wrongly deserves just what they get...

Again, we say, GOOD WORK AND KEEP GOING...

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Sincerely yours,

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~~Private Response~~
re ABSCAM

Dear Mr. Webster,

As one of the little people in the silent majority, I would like to thank you for your action against the corrupt Congressmen. I am sure much pressure was brought to bear to equalize the proceedings and I consider your actions heroic.

I have become increasingly aware of more and more corruption in government, very substantial frauds, the Nixon-Agnew crimes, the Korea and Vietnam debacles — wherein government people typically escape with impunity. I personally believe an extremely high % of govt. officials, congressmen, and bureaucrats are on the take and get away with it with impunity, even when caught.

I would like improvement in the future for my children and their children and encourage you with this small voice to continue your investigations of crooked government personnel and hopefully nail them to the wall — they are the real enemies of the country. We desperately need honesty and integrity.

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Feb 6, 1980

Mr Tolster:

Good for you!! (Referring
public response) ~~WABSCAM~~
to ~~Abstcam~~

This something our
Country has needed for
a long long time

Hang in there + keep
up the excellent work!

We thank you!!

Citizen [redacted]

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Mr. Webster: 2-6-80

Congratulations on your departments work in uncovering another series of corruption scandals in the House and Senate.

Congratulations also that it won't be necessary for the Ethics Committee for both branches to conduct trials and hearings of their own over and above the Justice Dept. Everyone that is a sham and more or less a whitewash with no real penalties.

So glad you are back in harness after the politicians almost emasculated FBI and the CIA. Now we can apprehend some Russian Spies and Corrupt officials-corrupt unions-~~off~~ persons etc.

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Mr. Webster

Public response

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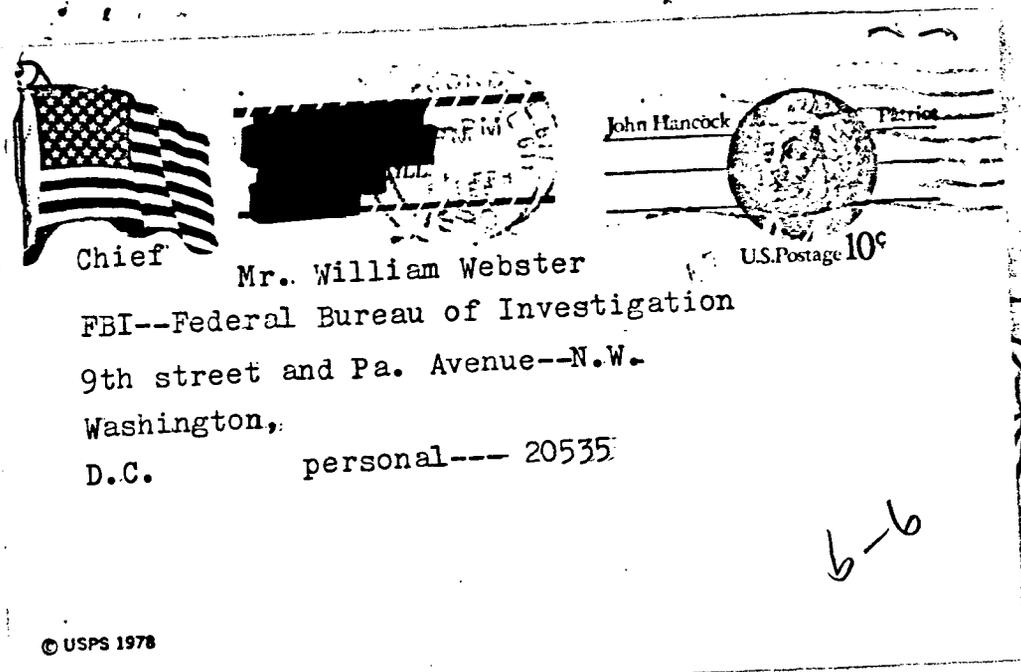
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My prayers were answered - TEL Williams to contact me if he needs my assistance - [redacted]

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PUBLIC RESPONSE RE ABSCAM

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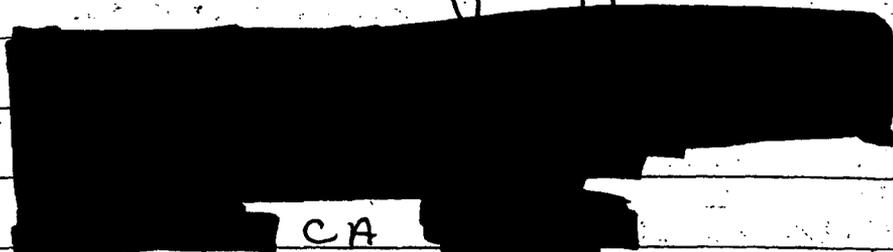
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Thanking you ^{v6}



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Mr William Webster,
Director of FBI
Wash, D.C.

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Dear Mr Webster,
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Mr. William Webster,
 Director of FBI
 Wash, D.C.

Dear Mr. Webster,

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Your actions in ABSCAM stinks to high heaven and you are guilty of entrapment & bribery.

May your soul rest in Hades.

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Director, FBI
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Dear Sir: *Public Response RE: Abscam*

I should like to contribute a private citizen's thanks for the Bureau's investigation of Congressmen. I believe that this investigation required political courage and that it was in the behalf of better government.

I am also amused or alarmed at the way Congress has attempted to turn your investigation of them into an investigation of you. How fast they can act when their own skeletons are threatened!

It seems to me that what the FBI needs in this case is the service of a first-rate public-relations agency. Otherwise the dumb-dumbs, who do not understand the significance of dishonest representatives--opportunists and deceivers--will be "blaming" the FBI for one of its most beneficial actions with regard to the democratic process.

Congress has already been busy hamstringing you. You can't afford to let them do more of it. The Lord alone knows what Congress would do if you were caught taking bribes, though it is common, street knowledge that the Congress has been doing this right along.

Sincerely

[Redacted Signature]

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As to the "methods" you used, I believe that it is obvious that no honest Congressman, obeying the law, had anything to fear. And I have noted from the MacNeill-Lehrer Report that whenever you could find an honest one, you gave up on him.

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Public Response Re ABSCAM

Judge Webster -
Thought you may
be interested in knowing
of this support!



It is disturbing that ABSCAM, like Watergate, is fast becoming a household word, thanks to an overkill by some segments of the news media. The Washington Post, the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and Walter Cronkite are leading the charge, hurling verbal brickbats at the FBI, accusing them in a familiar scenario of abuses of power in the name of entrapment. It is ironic I think that the Post, the ACLU, Cronkite and their ilk, while suggesting that the victims of ABSCAM are being unfairly maligned in a trial by news media, are at the same time putting the FBI on trial in the media.

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I am confident that the majority of the American people agree that neither the victims of ABSCAM nor the FBI should be so maligned.

In the last analysis, it boils down to a matter of accountability. Fortunately, the law enforcement community in this country is strictly accountable to our judicial system for all of its actions. The evidence collected by the FBI in the ABSCAM investigation, and the manner in which it was collected, will eventually be scrutinized by an assortment of admissibility tests prescribed by the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure before it can be used against a single defendant. The evidence must survive all of the pretrial motions, an examination of the trial court and, ultimately, the appellate procedures. These procedures and others constitute full accountability by the FBI for its actions.

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To whom are the representatives of the news media accountable? May I submit they should be accountable, in a democratic society, only to the truth as characterized by objective and impartial reporting. ABSCAM suggests that some elected officials and others may have been caught with their hands in the "cookie jar." Ultimately, the admissibility of the ABSCAM evidence will be tested and perhaps weighed by a jury. If the ABSCAM victims feel they are being tried unfairly by the media, the press might be well advised to exercise some restraint and not to compound the problem, as some media representatives and the ACLU are doing by accusing the FBI of entrapment or unethical behavior, when these media representatives are not yet privy to any of the evidence or the details surrounding its collection.

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FBI, [Redacted]

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Dear Judge [redacted] ^{COLEMAN}
 Thank you for giving
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 and guidance and
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 that your agents
 brought into focus.
 God bless you
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Sincerely,

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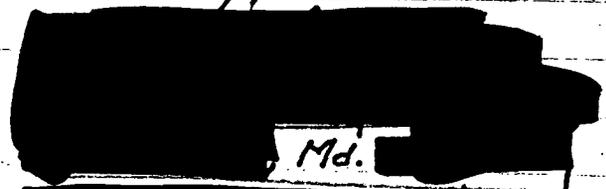
Dear Sirs: Public Response Re Absam

This letter is to congratulate you (based upon the reports in the Wash. Post and the TV networks) for the astonishingly successful recent "sting" operation in which you helped confirm the belief of many citizens that the U.S. Congress is "a bunch of crooks." The FBI has come a long way since the days of Director Hoover.

I have a suggestion for your next "sting". After renting a suitable residence near Capitol Hill, spread the word that a certain, unidentified Caliph, is temporarily in residence in the U.S. and will pay \$10,000 to sleep with the sister of a U.S. Senator. I can't wait to see how many Senators bring their sisters.

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Director William H. Webster
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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Attorney-General Benjamin R. Civiletti
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Civiletti:

Public Response Re Abscam
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Recent public reports of Federal Bureau of Investigation exploits in the so-called "Abscam" affair leave me both incredulous and deeply disturbed. If the charges are true, they constitute a serious and confidence-shattering indictment of several of our elected officials. I am outraged by "influence peddling for cash" engaged in by public officials. Of course, such charges must be proved and past Bureau allegations make me less than certain that they will hold up in an unprejudiced court of law.

My letter, however, comes not to discuss the alleged crimes which have been detailed in the press. My outrage today concerns the scandalous behavior of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. (To be fair, I probably should say "the scandalous behavior of some Bureau personnel or units" but, unless those persons or units are properly and publicly identified, reprimanded and punished, the whole Bureau stands condemned.)

The Bureau's methods seem to me to be clearly illegal "entrapment," worthy of the worst of the McCarthy era's belief that our government organs need to be illegal and unfair to fight illegality and unfairness. The American Civil Liberties Union seems to be entirely correct in its allegations of entrapment in the affair in question.

Further, the trial by press, the divulging of investigatory information to the public media, reminds me of the F.B.I. excesses during the latter years of the J. Edgar Hoover suzerainty. Those days were often marked by what appeared to be a greater concern for the welfare, reputation and public adulation of the Bureau than with any regard for the best interests of the country and the protection of the United States principles of justice such as "innocent until proven guilty." I am, indeed, outraged at the "trial by press." Our traditions and laws do not grant the Bureau any such right even in the face of the acknowledged reluctance of the legislative bodies to police their own members or to guarantee that they behave legally and ethically.

Elected officials are terribly vulnerable to publicly aired allegations as Senator Joseph R. McCarthy so ably illustrated. A politician's career can be destroyed by public charges from official quarters even if those charges do not have a single scintilla of truth to them. Such may be the result of the trial by press in the "Abscam" affair.

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I find it more than coincidental that many of the best legal minds join many political thinkers and writers of both liberal and conservative persuasions in being terribly upset at the Bureau's behavior in this case. None are condoning the alleged actions of public officials but that is not the primary issue here. The reputation of the Federal Bureau of Investigation is at stake. We had thought the "we are above the law" and the character assassination programs of the latter Hoover days, illustrated by the director's vendettas against such people as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., were over and gone. Is our F.B.I. returning to that triumphal era? If so, fair-minded, thinking citizens committed to United States constitutional democracy must judge that the Bureau is again becoming one of the more serious threats to our national security and democracy.

I hope my fears are unduly exaggerated. The reputation of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Department of Justice are at stake. I would appreciate whatever you can tell me to explain what has happened and to assure me, with specific and concrete actions rather than glib, general words, that the Bureau is going to operate within the legal and judicial restraints of our American constitutional democratic system.

Very truly yours,

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New York, [REDACTED]

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ccs: Director William H. Webster
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Senator Harrison Williams
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C.

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Mr. William H. Webster
 Director
 The Federal Bureau of Investigation
 J. Edgar Hoover Building
 10th and Pennsylvania Avenue
 Washington, D.C. 20535

Public response re ABSCAM

Re: Abscam: Arab Scam

Dear Mr. Webster:

It is indeed gratifying to see an official of your stature stand up for what is right in our country. I'm sure the pressures placed upon your offices must be great indeed. But don't let the Bureaucrats get the best of you in the pursuit of honest and integrity in Government.

I am but one of the so-called silent majority who is firmly convinced that if our great nation is to survive, any method necessary must be employed to ferret out possible criminal activity in government. Keep up the good work--the American public can certainly be proud of you and your dedicated employees.

Yours very truly,

Martin Jones

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cc: The Honorable Jimmy Carter
 President of the United States

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My DEAR DIRECTOR,

THEY SAY CONGRESSMAN KELLY WAS STUPID TO TAKE \$25,000 FROM STRANGERS, IN A STRANGE HOME, AND SHOULD BE FIRED FROM CONGRESS FROM JUST BEING DUMB, NOT CROOKED.

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Mr. W. Webster, Director
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Public Response RE ABSCAM

Mr. Walter Cronkite
 Senator Adlai Stevenson

Gentlemen:

I am perplexed by your attacks on the FBI in connection with the recent ABSCAM disclosures.

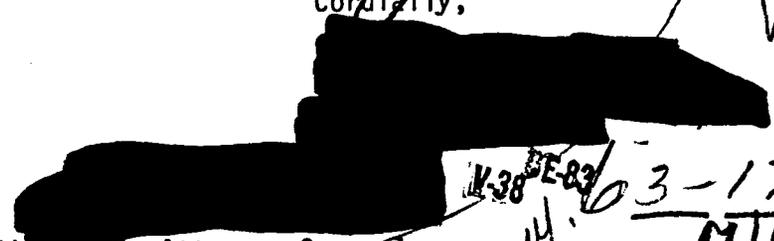
Mr. Cronkite: If you are really that concerned with fairness and the civil rights of those exposed, I'm surprised you have chosen not to speak out earlier against the truly questionable tactics employed by your own network's 60 Minutes people in their frequent expose' segments.

Senator Stevenson: Where was your stinging rebuke against the Chicago Sun Times and the BGA when they proved, through their Mirage Bar disguise, that Chicago city inspectors were on the take?

The citizenry of this country have little enough protection against dishonest public servants as it is, gentlemen, without your influential voices being raised in a questionable defense of their constitutional rights when they do get caught.

Could it be that your righteous anger surfaces only when your friends become the targets?

Cordially,



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cc: Mr. B. Civiletti, Attorney General
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Director William Webster
United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
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Representative Mary Rose Oakar
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20505

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Dear Representative Oakar:

I read where you consider FBI agents posing as rich Arabs was an ethnic slur to Arab-Americans.

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In your letter you state that Black, native, Jewish, Japanese, Polish, Italian and Hispanic Americans have worn scars of false stereotype and subtle prejudice. We must not forget that just plain Americans were called "ugly Americans" all over the world in the countries where these Americans came from.

Arabs because of the wealth from their oil are naturally associated with plenty of money. I think it is a compliment to America that some Arabs would like to come to a freedom loving country (even if it takes money) and also a compliment that Arabs are rich.

When are the members of Congress going to halt this seperation of Americans by placing so much emphasis on their ethnic backgrounds.

When the playing of the Star Spangled Banner brings at least a slight thrill to a persons' heart maybe even aliens and illegal aliens will become just plain Americans.

I think the FBI has done a real service for the honest "Servants of the people".

No honest Legislator can be entrapped with CASH, that's a bribe.

Sincerely

[Redacted Signature]

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Dear Sir,

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It was no surprise to read about the bribing of politicians as I am sure it has been going on for a long time. I am glad the FBI did a good job in bringing this news out to the public. We hope they will be brought to justice like everyone else. We put our trust in these people by voting for them only to find out they are not doing a honest job. Their greed overpowers them. There is no excuse for such behavior, so Civiletti should do his job.

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Sincerely,

N.J.

A Concerned citizen

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Public Response Re

RE: THE SOURCE

Dear Sir -

ADSCAM

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By and large, people
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hope it is only the
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Sincerely,
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ENCLOSURE

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Sincerely,

/s/

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Public Response
Re: Abscam

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Judge William H. Webster
Director Of The FBI
Department Of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Sir:

The following is an old saying that in the thirties was quite prevalent among people in show business: "Successful Performers usually know how their work looks from the front." I am, indeed, happy to say that since you became the director of the FBI, the commendable work of your staff looks mighty good from the front. CONGRATULATIONS!

Be assured, kind Sir, I'll be even more happy if one or more of your fine staff exposes the scum whose ill-advised and illicit conspiracies resulted in my wife's death, and caused many other irreparable losses to devolve upon me.

Be further assured that I stand ready, willing, able and anxious to reply to any questions anent the above well attested to and equally well recorded charges.

With kindest thoughts and every good wish for your continued success in bringing to light the nefarious machinations of some of our alleged "pillars of our society," I shall close and look forward in the fervent hope that at long long last the FBI will be so kind as to do for me what really should have been done thirty years ago.

Respectfully yours,
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Sir:
 Congratulations on
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 Operations Abscam, by
 rooting out the corrupt big
 fish, you will help to
 maintain faith in govern-
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Yours sincerely,
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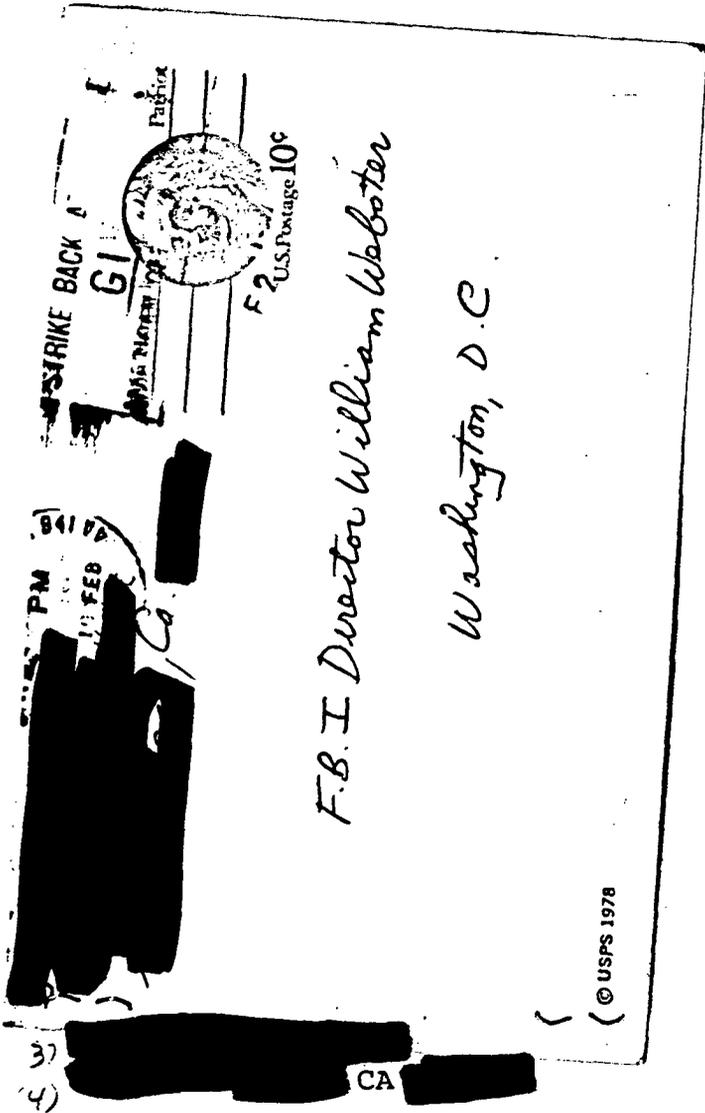
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F.B.I. Director William H. Webster
 J. Edgar Hoover F.B.I. Bldg.
 Washington, D.C.

Public Response
 Dear Sir: Re: AbSCAM

INSIDE SOURCE

I want to commend your agency on a
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I find it reprehensible that twenty-four members of Congress should call for the F.B.I. to apologize publicly to Arabs throughout the world for perpetuating "an unjust stereotype" by having its agents pose as rich Arab sheiks and businessmen, while totally ignoring Mohammed Ali's "unjust stereotype" statements that "Zionists Control America" and "the Jews control the world" made in his role as President Carter's representative to Africa.

Obviously they are not really against "unjust stereotype" statements! I can only assume all twenty-four Congressmen are in some way beholden to the Arabs!

Sincerely,

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Mr. William Webster - Director
 FBI
 J. Edgar Hoover Building
 Washington, D.C.

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OUTSIDE SOURCE

Dear Sir:

Thank you for having the guts to expose the bribery of our elected officials. This has concerned me for many years. It threatens the very foundation of our democracy.

I had given up all hope of ever seeing a change since our congress has the power to pass laws putting themselves above the law. And this they have done.

It will be interesting, but nauseating, to watch how the ethics committees work to sweep this under the rug. I can only hope that your cases are solid enough to get convictions.

Convictions alone will not stop the practice, however. Only the constant vigilance of honorable men like yourself will keep it in check.

Thank you and may God stay by your side.

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Sincerely yours,

[Redacted Signature]

cc: President Carter

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DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON DC 20535

OUTSIDE SOURCE

Public Response
Re Abscam

I'VE JUST FINISHED READING AN ARTICLE WHERE 24 MEMBERS OF CONGRESS
HAVE CALLED IN THE FBI TO APOLOGIZE PUBLICLY FOR THEIR ARAB
IMPERSONATION I HOPE THAT I COULD RECEIVE A COPY OF THE NAMES OF
THOSE LAW MAKERS OBVIOUSLY YOUR STAYING OPERATIONS HAVE BROUGHT ABOUT
A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF HEAT ON PEOPLE WHO CAN'T SEEM TO STAND THE
FIRE I JUST WANTED YOUR AGENCY TO KNOW THAT I'M ONE CITIZEN WHO
SUPPORTS YOUR EFFORTS AND LET THE CHIPS FALL WHERE THEY MAY

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PUBLIC SOURCE
 RESPONSE RE ABSCAPL
 whom it may concern, Q.
 want to congratulate F.B.I.
 for the good work, clear out
 our corrupt politicians who
 never had enough, to fill
 their pockets. do not let
 them get away with it, we
 want to see some justice
 done, get rid of bad apples,
 maybe we can get things done,
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 surprised at Liveltte, who
 side is he on. sincerely

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Director Wm Webster Feb 9, 1980

Wash. D.C.

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PUBLIC RESPONSE RE ABECAM
Dear Director:

Well the sting perpetrator
is known. Just a shyster
Jew with a criminal back-
ground and close ties to the
underworld and a grudge
against Eastern Law-makers
and the owners of the Atlantic
City Casino. used you and
your men and taxpayers money
to get even.

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Why don't you investigate Las
Vegas where it's known the
owners are Mafia members.

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When I first² heard about the "sting" I thought right away of Jewish involvement because they tried to make the Arabs look bad but I didn't believe the Israeli Lobby in Washington that controls the voting of most of the members on the Foreign relations Committee in favor of Israel, would have the clout to dictate to the D.B.I.!

You helped one vicious minded scoundrel to ruin the names of a lot of good men and used your department and Tax Payers dollars to do it. You should be fired

Sincerely

AT FEB 13 1980

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A concerned "old lady" who is
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a "Republican" dirty trick. God
help the Palestinians who are
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Director Wm. Webster
Wash. D.C.

Dear Director:

Well the "sting" perpetrator is known. Just a shyster Jew with a criminal background and close ties to the underworld and a grudge against Eastern Law-makers and the owners of the Atlantic City Casino used you and your men and Taxpayers money to get even.

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The Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Be advised that many people who will not take the time to write a letter are rejoicing in the knowledge that the FBI is in the process of identifying our elected representatives who are bribe-taking, worthless bums.

Public Response Re: CBS.com

I have no doubt that the evidence developed by the Bureau is damning, and conclusive as a fish in the milk. Let me congratulate your staff for refusing to release your evidential material to the House "Ethics" Committee, a move which would have been similar to dropping it into a bottomless political pit.

Adlai Stevenson stated in a widely televised interview this week that his Congressional colleagues were being "harassed", "singled-out" and otherwise oppressed by this investigation. It was hard to trust my eyes and ears! This is the son of one of a very distinguished statesman from Illinois, my state!

This letter is meant to convey to you two messages:

- (1) Hooray for you for turning over these rocks
- (2) Keep it up!

CC: Washington POST
New York TIMES
Chicago TRIBUNE
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Yours Truly
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Public Response Re AbSCAM 2-11-80
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Washington D.C.

May I briefly commend you for your efforts in securing the Probe tabler -

I think the enclosed cartoon expresses most of our feelings about "entitlement".

I used to think the low salaries paid Congressmen 25 years ago was what tempted them - Now it seems the more they get - the more they want!
 More power to you!

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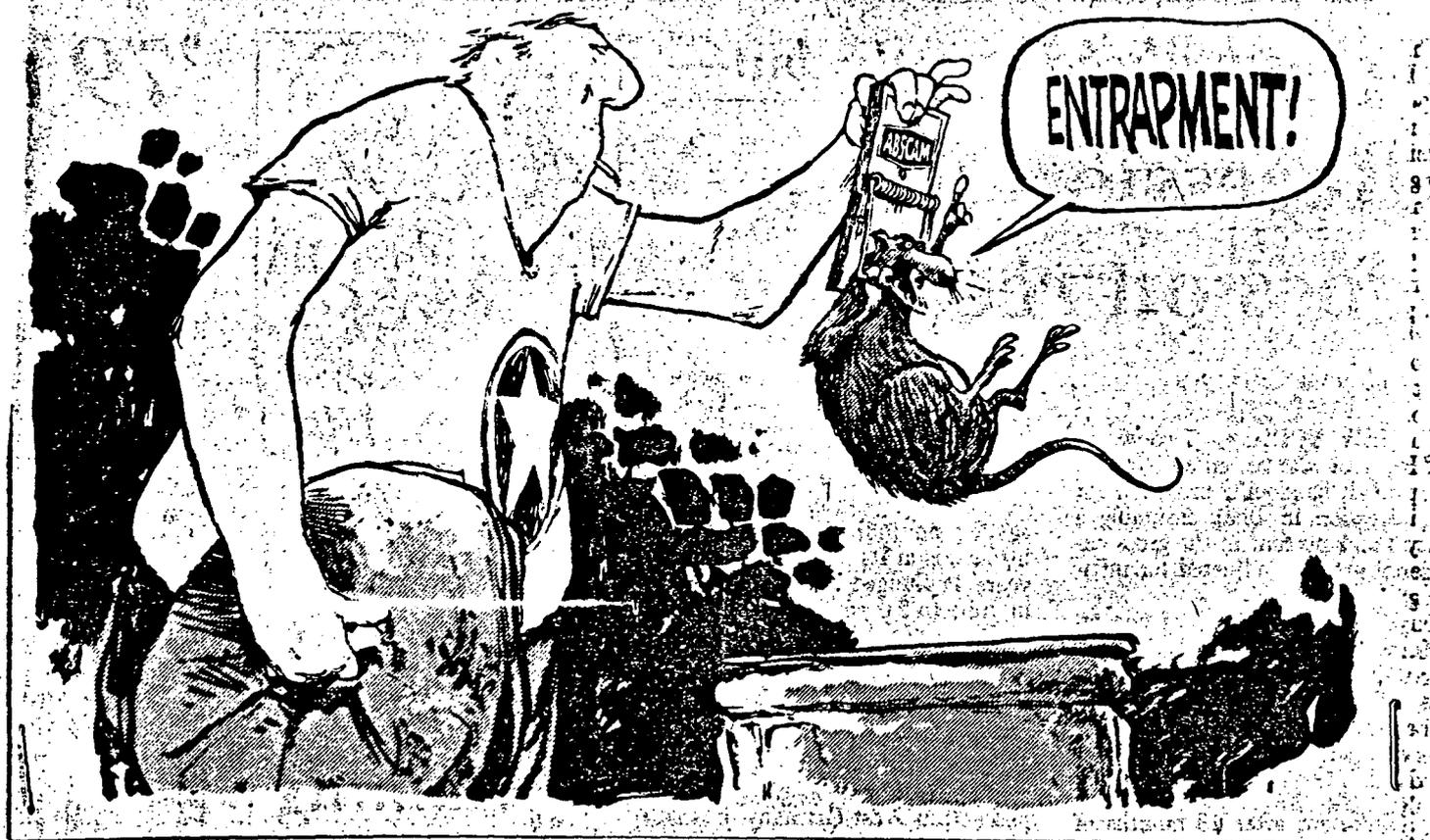
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Public response re ABSCAM

Dear Sir:

I highly support your recent investigation of Congress-regarding Bribes. Keep up the good work. For the first time - in a long time I'm pleased of the F.B.I. for taking on a real meaningful task

Sincerely,

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RESPONSE

Re
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Judge William Webster,
Director
J. Edgar Hoover Building
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Judge Webster:

ABSCAM

I don't often write anyone, let alone someone I haven't met, but I feel compelled to ^{over} this Abseam stuff. I'm sure you're not pleased with it, but your reasons for displeasure may be different than mine, so I'm writing.

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It may very well turn out to be acceptable to me (the leaks don't help my peace of mind), but the aims of the program bothers me. It almost seems it was just aimed at general human weakness rather than serious public vice. It appears

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Just one more comment, and that is that while I've heard some say the program may irreparably damage the Congressmen's careers, I'm afraid the opposite is true: you may have insured their reelection by causing sympathy. This would be unfortunate if they really are crooks.

Good luck throughout it all.

Yours truly,



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W. Williams*

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 February 11, 1980

Director
 Federal Bureau of Investigation
 9th and Pennsylvania Avenue
 Washington, D.C.

EXHIBIT SOURCE

public response to Abscam

Dear Mr. Webster:

For what it's worth, here is one citizen who supports wholeheartedly your recent "Abscam" investigations.

I feel that public servants have a public trust to uphold and extreme vigilance is required to ferret out malfeasance.

I certainly hope that Congress, as a whole, will continue to support the FBI.

Sincerely,

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cc: Sen. Bradley and Williams
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Director of F.B.I.
 Pennsylvania Div.
 944 10th North West
 Washington, D.C.

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public response to Abscam.

Dear Sir,

Congratulations! Your agency's investigation of what appears to be crooked Senators and Representatives is to be commended. We sincerely hope that this will be an on-going type of investigation... to the point where the crooks are afraid to except anything which they haven't legitimately worked for.

Why don't we try the oil companies, next?

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Sincerely yours,

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Mr. William Webster
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
FBI Building
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public response
re "Abscam"
OFFICE SOURCE

Dear Mr. Webster:

Allow me to congratulate your department on the recently disclosed "Abscam" and "Brilab" operations instituted by your department. As long as these, and other undercover operations, are carried out meticulously to make sure entrapment is avoided, I believe local public officials such as myself, and citizens throughout the United States applaud these types of operations as being most effective tools used in fighting political corruption and organized crime.

It is indeed my hope that no Congressional moves will be exercised to curtail the FBI's undercover operations. Congratulations should go to your department.

Very truly yours,

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c: Senator Birch Bayh
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Mr. William Webster
 Director
 Federal Bureau of Investigation
 Washington, D.C. 20535

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 Dear Mr. Webster:

I very much appreciate and welcome the Bureau's investigations of political corruption as in the "Abscam" cases.

Please accept this communication as an indication of my support for, and confidence in the F. B. I.

Yours very truly,
 [Redacted Signature]

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Mr. William H. Webster, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

public response *W/SCAM*

Dear Mr. Webster:

I have been reading with considerable interest of your campaign on the assorted greedy government officials who fell into your trap. Congratulations, you have done a fine service for the public and while those who were caught will scream foul and demand their day in court the simple fact is that they were on the take and they deserve whatever they reap from their greed.

Regardless of what the various lawyers, defendants, sob sisters claim the F. B. I. does have a good image in the eyes of the people and they deserve a pat on the back for their good work. That a man like Harrison Williams would be so greedy for more money that he would sell out the people who placed him into office and paid his good salary just does not make good sense. How much money does a man have to have and how far will he go to satisfy his greedy hunger. The answer lies in your files and the foolish actions those who were placed in a position of trust by the public.

I do fear that your good work will suffer by foot dragging, by compromise on the part of higher ups, by the delaying actions of the lawyers and courts with endless reams of motions to delay justice. Try and uphold the public on this issue and you will gain thanks that will last much longer than any money that the culprits would have gained.

I do hope that you can find some way to extend my thanks for a job well done to your field men for their successful efforts.

Very truly yours,

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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public response re Apscam

DEAR DIRECTOR,

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK 1/4

YOUR AGENCY HAS MY FULL SUPPORT
IN ITS EFFORTS TO REDUCE BURGEON-
ING CORRUPTION IN OUR GOVERNMENT.

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Members of the Senate Washington, D. C. 20510
Members of the House of Repr Washington, D. C. 20515

Gentlemen: *Public Reproachment Abscam*

I have read with great interest the recent newspaper accounts of the "ABSCAM" investigation, conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and, more than that, selected comments pertaining to the investigation as enunciated by several members of the United States Senate and House of Representatives. As a citizen of these United States and a member of the American public, I think it is time that this matter be put into perspective with reference to middle class America.

It is our sincere hope that our elected representatives in Congress will be, like Caesar's wife, "above reproach". I have observed with increasing distress comments of certain members of our legislative representative body condemning the Federal Bureau of Investigation for conducting what appears to be a very successful investigation involving bribery and corruption with reference to our elected representatives and which may result in further judicial proceedings.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation is, by law, charged with the investigation of crimes against the laws of the United States. I know of no federal law that exempts Congress from obedience to the laws of the United States and if members of Congress violate those laws, they deserve to be brought to justice.

I believe that it is time to put this matter into perspective. At the time of Watergate, Congress was most vociferous in endeavoring to bring the judicial arm of our government to the bar of justice and I believe it only fair that Congress should, at this time, commit itself to the doctrine that it must clean its own house.

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Hon. William H. Webster, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
9th & Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20535

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Members of the Senate
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This government of ours, if it is to survive, requires a sincere dedication on the part of our elected representatives to the basic tenets of integrity and justice. I do not believe that justice can be served on the basis of favoritism or privilege. More than that, it is time that the investigative arm, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, was given credence for doing the job it was designed to do.

All of you gentlemen would be the first to agree that if the Federal Bureau of Investigation had conducted a similar investigation of the executive arm of government, Cabinet officials, members of State government, or for that matter, middle class America, that their efforts would be salutary. My question is why do you wish to be exempt?

I know that we, as Americans, seek integrity in our government. You owe to your electors that responsibility required of you by the United States Constitution. I suggest you remember that fact.

Never in my memory has the public opinion of the Congress of the United States been so low. I believe that it is time for you gentlemen to correct your image in the eyes of the American people.

Respectfully,

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cc: Editor, Washington Post
Hon. William H. Webster, Director
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