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CLINTON OFFICIAL BREACHES NATIONAL SECURITY

JW Investigates Allegations Sandy Berger Stole Classified Docs from National Archives

At one time Samuel "Sandy" Berger occupied the position of National Security Advisor, President Clinton's closest confidante on security issues, a man who was in command of highly sensitive intelligence. As recently as a few weeks ago, as an advisor to Democrat presidential nominee John Kerry, Berger held an "esteemed position as a leader of the Democratic government-in-waiting," according to *The Washington Post*. Today, he is the subject of multiple investigations for allegedly stealing classified information from the National

his next visit on October 2, employees staged an informal "sting operation," coding documents reviewed by Berger to see whether or not Berger took them. He did.

After persuading Archive monitors to leave him alone,

Berger allegedly stuffed classified documents in his socks, pants and in his leather portfolio, removing them from the Archives in direct violation of a policy of which he was well aware. He also removed 40 to 50 pages of handwritten notes without first having them cleared, again a violation of law



SHOCKING MEMO EXPOSES FBI SMEAR CAMPAIGN AGAINST JW CLIENT

Republican and Democrat Senators Join JW in Demanding Accountability

JW recently learned of a memorandum that proves unequivocally that the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) attempted to silence JW client and FBI Special Agent Robert Wright for criticizing the bureau's handling of terrorism investigations. The memo, released by the office of Senator Charles Grassley, says the FBI tried to "take out" Wright after a June 2, 2003 press conference during which Special Agent Wright said the FBI was derelict and negligent in combating terrorism.

"If the FBI worked as hard at catching terrorists as it does at trying to 'take out' its own agents, the United States might not be under the serious terrorism threat it is today," said JW President Tom Fitton.

n by retired FBI agent John Roberts, who was a unit chief within the bureau's disciplinary office, the Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR), the memo shows how Mr. Roberts was instructed to open a case against Wright in such a way as to prevent the Justice Department from initiating its own investigation. This way, the FBI would keep administrative control over Wright and could then fire him without ever launching a complete investigation.

#4 After reviewing the FBI's allegations against Wright, Roberts correctly concluded there "was no predication to open a case."


#5 "This shameless attempt to deliberately deceive and obstruct the Justice Department shows the lengths to which the FBI will go in order to retaliate against those trying to expose the bureau's incompetence," said JW President Tom Fitton. "The FBI's actions are certainly unethical and likely violated the law."

In addition to the pressure from within to silence Special Agent Wright, there was also

an attempt to smear his reputation in the media. Documents revealed by the media reveal that an Assistant Special Agent-in-Charge of the Chicago office, the office where Special Agent Wright worked, called Deputy Assistant FBI Director Jody Weis, and left a message stating that several FBI agents, "want permission to speak with a reporter from Chicago in order to discredit Wright."

#7 Special Agent Wright was the first agent to seize more than \$1.4 million from terrorists based in the U.S. prior to the attacks of September 11. He has been an outspoken critic of the FBI's terrorism managers and the manner in which they investigate terrorism.

Judicial Watch currently represents Special Agent Wright in two lawsuits pending against the FBI. Senators Charles Grassley (Republican) and Patrick Leahy (Democrat) share Judicial Watch's concern about the FBI's intimidation campaign against its own agent.

"The continuing investigation of Special Agent Wright... shows problems still fester at the FBI's Office of Professional Responsibility," wrote the Senators to Attorney General John Ashcroft and FBI Director Robert Mueller. "Given our shared concerns about FBI reform and the treatment of FBI whistleblowers, we must get to the bottom of this situation quickly." 



Left to right: John Vincent, JW Chicago office director, and Special Agent Wright.

Of Note

The Roberts memo also describes other efforts by the FBI to retaliate against employees who expose misconduct within the bureau, and accuses the bureau of having a double standard for disciplining employees – one more lenient standard for senior officials and a harsher one for lower level employees.

According to documents obtained by Senators Grassley and Leahy, officials from the FBI's Office of Professional Responsibility allowed persons interviewed in its investigation of Special Agent Wright to review the written summaries of their interview crafted by the FBI, a clear violation of established FBI practices and policies.