

March 28, 2002

URGENT FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

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Ms. Tracey Silberling
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Re: Interviews of Special Agents Robert Wright & John B. Vincent

Dear Ms. Solley & Ms. Silberling:

On March 15, 2002, Judicial Watch asked for authorization permitting our client, Special Agent Robert Wright, to be interviewed by Ms. Judith Miller of the *New York Times*. A request for our client, Special Agent John B. Vincent, seeking authorization for an interview by Ms. Miller followed on March 21, 2002. To date, we have not received the courtesy of a reply to either request.

As noted in our original requests, FBI officials have granted news media interviews and gone on record by providing statements to the press concerning Special Agent Wright's duties, assignments and performance.\(^1\) The FBI officials' statements also reflect on Special Agent Vincent. We have learned that our clients have been defamed, disparaged and severely damaged by the statements of Department of Justice and FBI officials. In order to protect their reputations and livelihoods, Agents Wright and Vincent must be permitted to be interviewed by Ms. Miller.

Unless we receive written communication to the contrary from you by 5:30 PM Eastern Standard Time on Friday, March 29, 2002, this will constitute your consent that Special Agent Robert Wright and Special Agent John B. Vincent speak with Ms. Miller.

¹John Solomon, "FBI Focuses on Hamas Fund Raising," Associated Press, March 15, 2002.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.

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Chairman and General Counsel

Encl: Judicial Watch Letter of March 15, 2002, Re: Interview of Special Agent Robert Wright Judicial Watch Letter of March 21, 2002, Re: Interview of Special Agent John B. Vincent

CC:

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Ms. Judy Miller New York Times