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Alvin R. Cain, Jr. 11489 Reed Cir. Ridgely, MD 21660-1772

Re: Correction to web page concerning misconduct of Independent Counsel attorneys in the prosecution of *United States of America v. Deborah Gore Dean*, Criminal. No. 92-181-TFH (D.D.C.).

Dear Mr. Cain:

In my letter to you dated July 8, 2008, I stated:

Later, I was told by a former Independent Counsel document manager, who spoke of you as very principled person, that you had been pressured into providing these answers by Deputy Independent Counsel Bruce C. Swartz and Associate Independent Counsel Robert E. O'Neill.

Also, on the web page to which I referred you I had stated:

I would later be informed by a former Independent Counsel employee, who spoke of Cain as a highly principled individual, that Cain had been pressured into giving the testimony (testimony he was quite reluctant to give) as a result of several meetings with Robert E. O'Neill and Deputy Independent Counsel Bruce C. Swartz and also that there was considerable cheer or relief in the offices of the Independent Counsel attorneys when the fact that Cain had been coached to give these answers he gave was not brought out in court.

Reviewing earlier descriptions of the conversation with the former employee, I noted that on December 23, 1997, referring to a December 3, 1997 conversation with the former employee (see page 6 of my December 23, 1997 letter to Department of Justice Inspector General Michael R. Bromwich), I described the same matter in these terms:

Only on December 3, 1997, however, did I receive specific information that the agent, though considering himself to be highly principled, was persuaded by Independent Counsel attorneys to give certain precise answers and that

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Independent Counsel attorneys were greatly relieved when cross-examination failed to reveal the circumstances that led the agent to give those answers.

I am sure that the earlier characterization of the matter – that is, that the former Independent Counsel employee described you as a person who regarded himself as a highly principled person rather than that the former employee described you as a highly principled person – is the correct one.

I do not consider the characterizations to differ in material respects with regard to the way the former employee regarded you. But, inasmuch as I am striving to be as accurate as possible, I will be changing the language in the material on the web page. Thus, when you observe that difference in language, please do not regard it as reflecting something of greater significance that the simple correction of an error.

Sincerely,

James P. Scanlan