

MEMORANDUM FOR: RECORD

SUBJECT: TELEPHONE DISCUSSION WITH SA KIMBERLY J. SEVIN

DATE: JULY 16, 2015



The purpose of this memorandum is to document a telephone discussion that I had with SA Kimberly J. Sevin, Unit Chief, Initial Processing Unit, Internal Investigations Section, Inspection Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on the afternoon of July 15, 2015.

In a letter dated April 28, 2015, the Inspector General of the Department of Justice stated that he did not intend to correspond further with us and referred our request for an investigation of the alleged criminal conduct of U.S. Government employees and their contractors working at the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to the Inspection Division of the FBI.

After waiting several weeks with no call from the FBI I called them on the afternoon of July 15, 2015, to enquire as to the status of our request for an investigation. I left a message and SA Sevin called me back a few minutes later.

During the conversation she advised that the FBI was taking no action in our case because her office did not have the authority to conduct investigations that did not directly involve the misconduct of FBI employees. She said that she did not know why the Inspector General referred our complaint to her office.

When I explained the situation and asked her what I could possibly do she said that she knew of no way to really help me. She suggested that a "Hail Mary" letter to Mr. Joseph S. Campbell the Assistant Director of Criminal Investigative Division was the only thing that she could think of. She explained that Mr. Campbell was a couple of positions higher in the FBI pecking order than Mr. Gavin. It was Mr. Gavin who earlier refused to investigate the matter based on the FDA, HHS and the Small business Administration own internal reviews substantiated that they had done nothing wrong. She suggested that we lay out as much of the history as we could but that there were no guarantees that the FBI would do anything.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John H. Hnatio".

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