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effect has been created on a mass scale many times throughout history. We saw it in the McCarthy era when Hollywood “blacklisted” so many people, and in the Third Reich with the demonization of the Jews and others.

The overall smear campaign, starting with Ralph, Phil Stevenson, David Enright, and Bowers, which was totally unrestrained and ludicrously excessive with many utterly ridiculous allegations, itself became decisive evidence that a major organized crime was in progress. The smear campaign matched the courtroom crimes conducted under and by Judge Medley. In the background was the political power of the well-connected lawyers like Caspar from Ray, Quinney & Nebbekker. Judge Medley, in the face of this juggernaut of smear, was not going to challenge or hold to account a lawyer who had originated from that firm, especially not when Ralph Requa was on hand with perjured court filings saying I had been threatening my mother and had been removed by police from her home (all flagrant lies). Likewise, Johan Eriksson — a nervous student journalist who was easily intimidated and misled — was no match for them, nor for the lying geologist and Bowers in the video. This became especially obvious on the video sequences I obtained from OfCom, which show the stark psychodynamics of all this as Bowers and the other geologist, Jimmy Nyrehn, as well as Detlef and Margaret and Joy, lied through their teeth while Johan ate it all up as they filmed it. There is nothing quite so fatuous as a greenhorn journalist who thinks he’s got a scoop when in fact he’s been taken for a ride and has become a real sucker. Johan went even a step further and became an active collaborator with the criminals when he decided only to include material spoon-fed him by these strategic and transparent liars and smear artists, as we shall see in this and the following chapter. Unfortunately, I think placing story before fact is all too common among many so-called journalists — especially those hungry for “scoops,” as Johan certainly was.

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The Bowers interviews that were not broadcast, and that belatedly surfaced in 2008, finally and conclusively answered many of my questions about the takeover. They gave me what I can now call a rather complete “anatomy of a crime”, in that they provided a rather comprehensive set of statements, out of Bowers’ own mouth, as to what was happening behind the scenes and who was alleging and doing what.

The sequences can be divided into five categories of comments by Bowers: those that refer to the FBI; those that refer to allegations against me personally that were made to Bowers by others (according to Bowers) and which he unquestioningly repeated (surely these false allegations originated with those involved in the stock frauds); those that relate to the Requa/Hoover Files; numerous false, grossly misleading, and defamatory allegations against me that Bowers made on his own initiative; and equally spurious and conclusively-disproved allegations about the geological work done by myself and Banner International. (More discussion about the various big lies, by Bowers and by others, will follow later.)

Not everything, however, that Bowers said was a lie; the allegations he made about the FBI contacting him many times seem quite true. This I believe because other people whose lies were being spoon-fed to them (such as the Rev. Marsh and Sgt. O’Keefe) had already said similar things about FBI agents contacting them. But nearly all other pertinent allegations by Bowers were lies or gross fabrications, whether he based them on lies from other people or they were lies of his own making. The most important statements by Bowers that evidence very corrupt FBI activities were as follows (interspersed with my commentary):

In ’93 ... he [Requa] failed to make a proper payment to the federal government in Reno, Nevada, to keep the mining claims, and of course they sent a certified letter to his post office and he never picked up his mail so he didn’t know about it. Once he found out about it he made threats against the government office of the Bureau of Land Management in Reno, Nevada. And they were so frightened about it they increased their security. They refused to talk to anybody. Anybody calling up and mentioning anything about Requa, they immediately contacted the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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This obviously begs the question as to how Bowers found out anything about this if the BLM was refusing to talk. But, more importantly with regard to my alleged failure to make a “proper” payment (a curious word: what is a proper payment?) to the BLM, I can refer to the 1993 cashier’s check for \$15,000 drawn on January 27, 1993, for the 1993 year, a full 11 months before it was due. A photocopy of this check is still in my possession. Further, how would Bowers in any case know about my not having made a payment (whether proper or not) or that I never picked up my mail? How would Bowers have learned any of these things about the BLM and FBI (or about what mail I did or did not pick up)? He would have no way of knowing any of these things. In other words, these were some of the “party-line” lies of the takeover group. With the BLM refusing to tell him anything, did he get this information from the FBI? Why would the FBI have been so informative to Bowers? One cannot imagine any legitimate (or legal) reasons that they would have. So he must have got these things either from corrupt FBI agents assisting with the party-line lies (a good possibility), or they were just the party-line lies being used by the takeover syndicate and which they then impressed upon Bowers as the lines for him to use.

As for my alleged threats to the BLM, what would I have possibly been threatening them about? And what *were* the threats? Many of these allegations about my supposed threats (verbal or written) came from persons involved in the receivership crimes (for instance, Ralph Requa’s allegations with regard to my mother), but *not a trace of evidence* has ever been produced by any of these people. What *is* a matter of record, however, is my Cease and Desist Notice filed at the Washoe County Recorder’s office (see Document no. 9). This related to the 1992 payment that they took from me personally in Reno the day before Christmas 1992 but did not credit. As I narrated in Chapter 14, I got their Default Notice on the claims in June 1993 saying the claims had been forfeited for non-payment of the fees. But then I simply went to the Woodside bank and retrieved their stamped receipt. That ended the matter, as they were forced to rescind the Default Notice.

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Did my Cease and Desist Notice comprise a threat in their eyes? No threats were required, just the evidence. No important mining claims were lost because of the BLM, so I had nothing to threaten them about. About the 1993 payment of \$15,000 that I made in January 1993, I never heard anything from them about that check or about its not being “a proper payment.” The receivership intervened. So I had no reason to make any threats to the BLM either in 1992 or in 1993. The BLM Default Notice for 1992 that I received by mail in June 1993 had been revoked. Indeed, if the default had not been revoked, Bowers would never have got any of the claims during the receivership. They would have been made *permanently* void. Bowers’ assertions, therefore, are all transparent fictions and blatant lies (whether originating from himself or others) and in any case he cannot claim any alleged special knowledge about these matters except perhaps from corrupt FBI agents. Bowers also says:

The fact is there are still outstanding warrants for his arrest in California. He is still wanted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation for questioning on the Reno bombing and also for some threats he made to other shareholders and to other people. So he is well known. We have had a private investigator talk to [sic], there is an FBI office in London, and apparently they were talking to Scotland Yard. So that’s all I can tell you. I have been contacted several times in the past five years by the FBI asking questions about Mr. Requa.

The most instructive observation to make here is that this interview of Bowers was made in 2000, and that on May 16, 2001, not long after this interview, I went to the American Embassy in Dublin, Ireland, and got a new U.S. passport. No mention was made at the embassy of any warrants for my arrest, nor was I interrogated about anything. Obviously, their records were checked as they always would be. If the FBI had wanted me for anything, or for questioning about any bombing or threats having been made to shareholders or otherwise, my passport number and my name would have been flagged. I was also at that time in frequent communication with the London FBI (at the U.S. Embassy’s Legal Attaché office) and was actually requesting to see one of their agents —

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one Jackie Zapocosta in London — referred to me by Ernie Herbert of the Utah FBI. I sent faxes and received confirmatory responses back by mail. So, clearly, I was not officially wanted for anything. The FBI could have questioned me on many occasions and yet had no interest in doing so; and they certainly knew how to find me. I got mail from them via my solicitor in Birmingham.

Also very telling was the Washington, D.C., FBI office's response (see Document no. 16) to the Freedom of Information request I had made (the response sent to me care of my UK attorney in Birmingham, England, in 2001). As noted previously, they made no mention of warrants, threats by me, or wanting to question me about anything. They in fact said that they had nothing on file under my name — only a name “similar” to mine. Although that statement, as I've pointed out, is patently untrue, the *fact* that the Freedom of Information office denied the files' existence reveals some important truths.

After all the FBI agents I had had dealings with, they must have had stacks of paperwork on me. As mentioned previously, I'd seen the fat and bulging file Agent Christman showed me on his investigation about the BLM bombing when (after the spurious and impossible allegations of my involvement) he finally told me that “no one in this office” thought I had anything to do with the bombing, that the Washington office had still been prodding them to investigate me further, but that in Utah they considered the matter closed. With that comment, he tossed the very thick file on me back onto his desk as if to give added emphasis to his point that there was no case against me.

The Freedom of Information office was, I suspect, just hiding the *false* information they had with which some corrupt agents had doctored up my files — the things that would have seemingly “justified” (to a casual or first-time agent reading it) their very evident intensive surveillance on me. For them to reveal information in the files that was, on second look, demonstrably false would have been a problem for them, to say the least. And that they were following up on such fantasies and taking them seriously would look equally bad.

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Above all, what they would *not* have wanted disclosed was the fact that they were creating false information as justifications or explanations for the attempts on my life that were being planned. By alleging I was a crazed lunatic making death threats, they set the stage for plans to shoot me on the Stanford campus or elsewhere. Supportive fictions along these lines were also created to explain why I might disappear or be found dead as a suicide or murder victim. The many false reports to the police and FBI were made so that a justification appeared on record for anticipated shootings, or otherwise to explain my planned death at the Millbrae Travelodge or, later, at the Capitol Motel. By fluffing their files with these fictions, the criminal factions in the FBI that were leaking surveillance on me to the street gangs showed that they would stop at nothing to justify the planned atrocities.

In any case — since there were no plausible *official* FBI records on me that were adverse to me in any way (or at that point to *any* records they were willing to admit to), and since there was nothing at all from either the State Department or the U.S. embassies in London or Dublin indicating that I was being sought by the U.S. government for anything — I was issued a new passport (which I still have) within two hours. And the FBI office at the Embassy in London never showed any interest, either before or afterwards, in seeing me (even given the fact that I had requested to see them).

Then there was the Rev. Marsh's slip of the tongue to my doctor friend that the FBI plans about which she knew, were — “of course” — “secret.” Could these “secret” plans have been rooted in the 1974 failed scheme to frame me for the Edelman murder (for which an FBI agent himself might have been responsible or complicit)? I think so. And could the secret plans have to do as well with other murders that were also either committed or contemplated for the purpose of framing me — but which also failed to falsely implicate me after I removed the planted evidence of them in my vehicles in the summer of 1993? That I also believe. In any case, my brother Ralph has reportedly been alleging ever since (up through this book's publication) to others that I murdered *several* people. If Ralph had heard that from anybody else it would of course have been from some criminalized FBI agents.

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Contrast the established facts about my communications with FBI offices (faxes and e-mails) and my appearance at the Dublin Embassy with Roger Bowers' videotaped allegation that I was a "prime suspect" of the FBI in the BLM bombing in that same time period:

It was later, before Stephen fled the country, he made several written threats to that BLM office and I don't know if I've got copies of all of them but I have copies of some of those threatening letters to the BLM. It was shortly after that someone threw a bomb on top of the BLM office building in Reno. This is a federal crime. They actually bombed the building and because of his threats to the BLM, Stephen Requa was one of the prime suspects of that bombing. I don't know if he was actually interrogated but I do know they wanted to interrogate him. I can tell you that I have been contacted by three if not four different offices of the Federal Bureau of Investigation wanting to know about Mr. Requa. They also know that we the receivership recovered some of his personal effects from a vehicle after he was arrested on a weapons charge, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation requested some of his personal items so they could be tested to see if they could match any of the evidence found in the bombing.

Again Bowers refers above to alleged written threats I made to the BLM, for which I would have had no conceivable motive (apparently he was just trying to contribute to the perception that I was insane). If he had had copies of those (nonexistent) threatening letters, he surely would have produced them. His assertions are also contradictory: the BLM was not willing to talk about anything that Bowers miraculously claims to have all the information on anyway; and there is no way he could have gotten any of this information from anybody except persons engaged in crimes. Nothing Bowers has said in these matters is in the least believable, and any discriminating viewer of these interviews could only conclude that his whole spiel is ridiculous. That his interviewer, Johan Eriksson, failed that most basic discrimination test poses many questions.

It is especially interesting here to note that Bowers and the receiver got the truck, courtesy of Judge Veal in San Mateo, in August 1993, yet

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the BLM office was not bombed until the end of October. Why would FBI agents want to see if items from the truck could be matched to a bombing that hadn't yet happened — that in fact wouldn't occur until two months after I lost the truck? Again Bowers is willing to say impossible and quite stupid things (stupid for either Bowers or the FBI to say). The answer here of course is that the FBI agents were just making it up. These were *corrupt* FBI agents talking to Bowers, and they just wanted to give Bowers ammunition to use against me — and/or they wanted to establish with Bowers that, basically, the criminal elements of the FBI were intent on neutralizing me by whatever means necessary. They especially wanted Bowers to believe all the other lies that were being spread by criminals both inside and outside the FBI who together were involved in the court frauds.

This was thus a two-pronged operation. Bowers was getting false allegations about me from the fraud artists and securities racketeers, while allied corrupt FBI agents were calling him about other fictitious assertions. Bowers thus appears to have got the (desired and intended) messages from those agents to the effect that he could get away with anything when it came to defrauding Banner International and its assets and defaming me. As seen in his above statements, he was not only being foolish but downright stupid, just a mouthpiece asserting plainly ridiculous and impossible things. We will return to these statements later.

All these matters — beginning with the actual corruption of the BLM office and proceeding to the calls to Bowers by the FBI agents — point to the same conclusion: These crimes against Banner International and myself were organized and instigated by overtly criminalized FBI agents (not just by misled ones but by *real* criminals such as FBI Agent X). They were spreading egregious lies that they knew were lies. And Agent X had been falsifying state records in collaboration with Mike Bean. In the context of the other evidenced lies of FBI agents later being made to people like the Rev. Marsh, and earlier to Commander O'Keefe, and to other reported Banner shareholders — and also in the context of the recorded call to the London media investigator by Agent X (of which I have a copy) — this should all be obvious. This also jibes with my brother Ralph's statement to me in early 1993 that the FBI agent he spoke to (presumably Agent Cross in Utah) said I was "irrational"

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with him and that “there was nothing” to my DOC complaints against the stock fraudsters in California.

By the time in 2000 when the FBI was contacting Bowers, the Salt Lake City FBI had long concluded that I could have had nothing to do with the bombing. I had been through that whole line of questioning personally with the FBI in Salt Lake City in October 1993. So the corrupt FBI factions that were contacting Bowers must have also been responsible for the FBI calls to Margaret Hall, must have also exerted the extensive influence on the Rev. Marsh, and must have made the calls to other Banner shareholders and possibly also to Commander O’Keefe. Many FBI agents were, in any case, by this time worried that the long history of organized crime worming itself into the fiber of the FBI that began under J. Edgar Hoover would suddenly and catastrophically (for them) be exposed. Could there be any other explanation?

To be sure, some of the FBI agents were possibly just trying to save the skins of people with the last name of Bush (along with their own skins). These would have been agents of the ilk detailed by Al Martin in his book on the multitude of Iran-Contra scandals in which he had himself been involved on behalf of the Bushes (and consequently about which he knew a great deal). A primary objective of those frauds had been to fund various Republican Party organizations under the Bushes’ leadership. Everything I was seeing in 1993 was uncannily like what Al Martin has described in the case of Iran-Contra.

There is essentially one point Bowers made that can and *should* be taken at face value. The FBI on several occasions did contact Bowers as alleged. Most likely they were criminalized FBI agents in the employ of the Bush family. But did Bowers know it was a criminalized faction within the FBI? Possibly not. He knew for sure that he basically had a blank check to collaborate with anybody hostile to me. He also knew what the party-line lies about me were supposed to be. That the FBI faction involved also wanted Ralph Requa to believe the same things is equally and unavoidably to be concluded. In light of the above I would have to assume, therefore, that the FBI agents involved were also the sources of the allegations made to Ralph that I had murdered people, and they had probably told the Rev. Marsh the same thing. That seems to be the *only* explanation for the Rev. Marsh’s abject terror of me and her willingness

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to blindly acquiesce to the FBI while they were doing the most corrupt and evil things that they could devise for me.

I do believe, as I have stated earlier, that other murders did happen with the intent to frame me for them. These criminals in the FBI were not fooling around. Of course, they were also among the same criminalized FBI agents who were leaking their surveillance information on me to street gangsters in California and Utah — the ones who showed up at the Millbrae Travelodge, at the Capitol Motel, and at all the other places where they showed up from time to time when I made phone calls or used my credit cards. They were all dead-set on nailing me one way or another, but it turned out that they were incompetent and that I outsmarted them. As in the case of Bowers, they were all being downright stupid and filled with their own arrogance, complacency, and very misplaced sense of invulnerability. Stupidity always makes one vulnerable, whether one is a corrupt FBI agent or a yes-man geologist who once worked for H.L. Hunt. And greed always makes one stupid.

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In late 2008, an official court report, filed on April 22, 1994, was provided to me that had been submitted by Roger Bowers to receiver Richard Caspar as a part of the Utah court frauds. It was the first time in all of those 14-plus years that I had known of this report's existence. It included the following statement from Bowers about the Requa/Hoover Files in a section of the report called "Condition of the Files":

Geologic Files recovered from The Vault in Reno, Nevada, were in a state of almost complete disarray. Although there were labelled file folders, the contents rarely matched the label. Many of the bound reports appeared to have been disassembled, were without their indicated maps and figures, and generally appear to have been cannibalized.... Parts of some maps and figures had been torn out and pasted onto other maps and figures.... Several maps had no identifying marks, and it remains unknown as to which property they belong.

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The delivery of this report came as a complete surprise. I got it unexpectedly from someone who had got it from Bowers. This report, and the several items noted in this chapter and the following one, at last provide Banner shareholders with documented proof that Bowers was engaged in fraud during the receivership. This forms a powerful basis for litigation against Bowers and against Toriello's and Caspar's Osceola Gold mining company and its principals. It is new evidence never seen before, which legally tolls (extends) the statute of limitations.

First, let's look at the plausibility of such a statement as Bowers made. The Requa/Hoover files were housed in dozens of large multi-drawer file cabinets containing literally thousands of files and reports on individual mining properties, and compiled by my father, who was a meticulous and highly professional record keeper of great repute. For this collection to have been in such a state of complete disarray as Bowers described, after having been so completely and methodically organized, would have required a willful and painstaking effort to reek chaos on them over a period of time — and for what purpose? In fact, all my father's files and records were exactly as I had inherited them. The notes he placed in each file (as described in detail below by Dan McCullar, who also happened to be an excellent record keeper) were notes I had urged him to make during his later years so as to have the benefit of his further thoughts in each file and/or on each property. Over a period of many years he did this on a daily basis for several properties each day. I would often check to see his progress and read his comments. Their enormous value was precisely in their being so thorough, so well-ordered, and so well-maintained throughout his life. For what reason would I have “cannibalized” any of them? We were active only on Osceola and Merritt Mountain. Thus Bowers' “report” to Caspar was as far from the truth as could possibly be imagined. As Harry Truman used to say, “there are liars and damned liars”. The comments in that report — along with all the videotaped comments already known to me — proved Bowers to be a “damned liar,” and they proved to be part of a systematic effort to cast a smoke screen around the outright theft of the files through the most extreme form of judicial fraud imaginable, as executed by Judge Tyrone Medley in the Utah Third Judicial Court.

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In the same April 22, 1994, report, Bowers — ever the “damned liar” — provides his summation of the available technical reports on Osceola, and he even provides a Document Inventory. But nowhere does he list Breitrick’s summary memorandum of August 10, 1991 (see Document no. 14), which included the following evaluation based on his work at Osceola over the preceding several years:

The mapping and sampling I have done at Osceola during the past 4 years have demonstrated that all the favourable geologic criteria necessary for the formation of gold deposits are present. These features are particularly favourable in their juxtaposition with the prior mined deposits at Osceola of both placer and lode gold. My professional opinion is that Osceola is very likely to contain several ore bodies along the Pilot Knob Ridge...Further, the geologic features suggest there could be very high grade vein and breccia pipe ore bodies, replacement gold ore bodies, as well as disseminated gold deposits. Of the many properties I have worked on, Osceola is my most preferred, and the one that has demonstrated the best and greatest potential for long-term, sustained production, and the likelihood of becoming a world class mining district. The surface field work has now been complete, with structures and mineralization indicating the locations of the underlying targets to be drilled.

Most egregiously of all, although Bowers lists the supposed catalogue of reports and data, he excludes the most important and comprehensive report — namely, John Prochnau’s full-scale Certified Geological Report of June 16, 1992 (which Prochnau recertified at my request on September 25, 2001). This 18-page document is fully comprehensive in both its evaluation of our own data and the conduct of his own confirmatory investigations and analyses. Prochnau’s conclusions in that report reflect a conclusion of his prior letter to me written on November 20, 1991:

Finally, your efforts of the past couple of field seasons have *dramatically improved* [emphasis added] the technical data base at Osceola and served to clarify targets to the point where your initial drill programs can now be designed with optimum effectiveness (see Document no. 15).

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Prochnau's Certified Report *formally* certified the reality of the above statement with full particulars and data from both his own and our analyses, maps, and other data. No one could have suppressed the geological realities and the great likelihood of producing gold deposits at Osceola more efficiently than what Roger Bowers did by suppressing Prochnau's Certified Report — or what filmmaker Johan Eriksson did to suppress all input of Prochnau and McCullar from his so-called documentary while highlighting the views of a gas station attendant whose father had taken what was in effect a \$150,000 bribe to assist the court frauds. Everybody involved from 1992 onward knew all about the Prochnau reports on both Merritt Mountain and Osceola. Suppressing them, or knowingly evading discussion of them and not listing them for the court, in my personal view, was a major crime and court fraud deserving of an investigation by a special prosecutor (certainly a direction in which I intend to go).

In his summary report, John Breitrack documented thousands of soil and rock samples that he took (concurrent with his geological mapping) in the late 1980s and early 1990s. Yet Bowers' report issued by his, Toriello's, and Stevenson's Osceola Gold Mining Company, and dated March 1996, states the following:

Exploration activity since 1979 has been minimal....Limited and sporadic activities continued through 1992, but efforts were minimal compared to the work done in 1974 and 1978. Most of the work done from 1987 to 1992 was designed to fulfil the government's requirements for annual assessment work to keep the claims valid.

Nothing implicates Bowers as a “damned liar” more — or better confirms the truth of the Prochnau and Breitrack reports — than Bowers' *own* letter of April 9, 1991, to the Stanford Placement Service (reproduced in full in Document no. 5) in which he stated:

I was immediately impressed with the quantity and quality of geologic work that Stephen has done on these properties.... As a geologist, Stephen has done an outstanding job of exploring the two properties. The program under his direction, has included detailed mapping of the

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geology, taking thousands of soil and rock samples for analysis and assay, conducting geophysical surveys, trenching and drilling, and evaluating all results and compiling them into a geological model for each property. By effectively applying the modern techniques and by being at the forefront of geological developments in the industry, he has achieved alone as much or more than most mining companies achieve with large staffs. His geological accomplishments have been impressive to say the least. It must be noted that Osceola is the site of the largest placer gold deposit in Nevada. Although this deposit had been mined since the late 1880s the “Mother Lode” source of the placer gold had not been identified. The exploration program Stephen has marshalled and managed has led to the geologic understanding which now indicates this “Mother Lode”. Stephen has built Banner Exploration into a strong mining company that, I believe, is on the verge of major success. His business acumen seems to come naturally and his professionalism is beyond reproach. ....As a professional geologist, I am proud to commend and endorse Stephen Herrick Requa.

Needless to say (and I’ve elsewhere said it), his own letter, which had been in Stanford University’s files, was removed at his request. Thus Bowers chose to dissociate from and suppress every bit of evidence from every source (including himself) that contradicted his subsequent, wholly fraudulent “position.” This letter by Bowers, of course, along with Prochnau’s and Breitricks’, had also been seen by Johan Eriksson. Naturally, I had shown Eriksson all these crucial things and asked him to call both McCullar and Prochnau. He did not. Since Eriksson certainly had got Bowers’ letter and seen the others, one would have thought that Eriksson (like any self-respecting journalist) might have had some pointed questions for Bowers, and would also have wanted to talk with Prochnau and Breitricks, as well as with Dan McCullar. But instead Johan was completely on board with the smear agenda, as indicated by his pleadings with Phil Wunsch, a London metals trader who had expressed interest in possibly investing in the Nevada properties. Johan had filmed him speaking about this possibility early in his filming before Johan’s other agendas began to appear. After he showed Wunsch what he was planning on broadcasting — i.e., that it was to be a smear job on Banner and myself — Johan begged Wunsch not to tell me (see Document no. 17).

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Much effort in Johan's final product appears to have been expended to evade the truth at all costs. At the top of the list of critical omissions, once again, was John Prochnau and his independent Certified Geologic Reports, filled as they are with data of his own, reviews of our data, and assessments made personally by him on the properties. Wunsch also wrote an affidavit (see Document no. 18) on the about-face made by a local geologist at Merritt Mountain, Jimmy Nyrehn, who I briefly hired to relocate the claims and with whom Wunsch had spoken by phone about the property's merits for investing. At that time Nyrehn was extolling the possibilities for gold deposits and was saying how he too had found gold there and wanted to stake claims there for himself years before, but found out that Banner had them. But he had a very sudden change in his story about Merritt Mountain after Johan visited him for the documentary. In any case, Nyrehn does not make it on any list of notable consulting geologists, whereas John Prochnau ranks right at the top of the world's best-known and most successful. Johan provided the lamest of excuses for the egregious omission of Prochnau — that Prochnau didn't answer his phone when Johan called. (Perhaps Johan thought Prochnau's report wasn't important enough to warrant more than one attempted phone call — or, more likely, he was afraid of what Prochnau might say. He knew what it would be: that Merritt Mountain was a very valid target for gold deposits, with Osceola also at *the top of the list* of desirable targets.)

Another authority who effectively attested to the reality and importance of the files — in sharp contradiction to Eriksson's comments to Bowers in video rushes about my "hype" of the files — was none other than the former Finance Minister of Peru. After all, it was my selections from the real files that I had showed Carlos Rodriguez-Pastor that prompted him to invite me to the ill-fated 1991 meeting with Fujimori. I think the former Peruvian Finance Minister, crook that he turned out to be, was nevertheless fully proficient when it came to detecting hype, and he would not have arranged a private meeting between me and his country's President (also attended by Prochnau) for me to pass on any hype, nor would have he called the files "muy, muy importante" to Fujimori in my presence if they had been mere "hype." In fact, major

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players in the world crime scene were extremely interested in the files from that moment on. Eriksson was swallowing Bowers' lies hook, line, and sinker — or pretended to do so.

These files were thus the Holy Grail after which all the criminals of 1993 were in hot pursuit. Finding out what has really happened to those files, where they really are and where they ended up, and who really got them must be our objective in what promises to be one of the most important criminal investigations of the century. Prochnau, in a 2002 filmed recollection, here contextualizes the significance of that private meeting with Fujimori that he had also attended:

Stephen in 1991 was invited through an associate, Carlos Rodriguez Pastor, who I believe was a former finance minister of Peru, to attend a reception for President Fujimori in San Francisco, and we attended that reception with Steve and several other associates with Banner at the time. Following the reception there was a private meeting with President Fujimori in his suite in the hotel, which was the Saint Francis. We were invited to attend that private meeting. We were introduced to the President and subsequently had a little get-together with cocktails with a number of other San Francisco dignitaries.

President Fujimori and former finance minister Pastor had expressed interest in the Hoover/Requa Files and the extensive information they included and contained regarding certain properties in Central America. President Fujimori was interested in introducing Steve and Banner to a number of Peruvian companies that were interested in investing in that part of the world and utilizing those files as a basis for that.

In the early 1990s the [mining] industry in Latin America had been floundering from lack of investment for some time largely because of political systems that were not particularly favorable to foreign investment. In the 1990s, with the change in the global scene that followed the fall of the Soviet Union, a number of new regimes came into power in Latin America, [which] included Fujimori in Peru, whose policies were more oriented to an open market. So this meant that there was increased interest by the international mining community in investing in countries like Peru and Central American countries that had very great mineral endowment but a lack of investment for some time. *This of course made Stephen Requa and Banner's possession of proprietary information in the Requa/Hoover Files of extreme value.* [Emphasis added] (See Prochnau's full transcript in Document no. 19, and Affidavit in Document no. 20.)

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The truth about the immense significance and value of the Requa/Hoover Files — in total contrast to the revisionist fictions of Bowers, Eriksson, and their ilk — has been remarked upon by many people. The following additional quotations about the files are taken from various videotaped interviews. The first quoted comment, made about 2001 by geologist John Prochnau, provides some background on what was for generations a family business run with great integrity:

Lawrence Requa, who was Stephen's father, was a very well-known mining geologist in Nevada and throughout the world and the third generation of a family of very prominent mining engineers and entrepreneurs that began with the great grandfather — who came to California in the Gold Rush and had a very successful career in developing mines there — and following with the grandfather Mark Requa, who was an associate and very close friend, business associate, and campaign manager for Herbert Hoover, another famous American mining engineer who became President of the United States [from] 1928 to 1932. I met him a number of times in my early career. Lawrence Requa was one of those patriarchs and gurus of the industry that all young geologists went to when they had questions about projects in Nevada or elsewhere where Mr. Requa had worked. I had several such meetings [with him] toward the end of his very long and productive life. By all standards he was both a gentleman and highly respected in his profession with a very excellent record and reputation.

Young geologists went to my father for information on mining properties. He was known to have had information and geological data on most of the known gold prospects and mines in the Western states. He had seen most of them. Getty Oil was a case in point: they retained my father in the early 1970s for his information on the Mercur mining district where Herbert Hoover and my grandfather and father spent about a million dollars in the 1930s on exploration and development. Getty Oil hired my father precisely because he had that hard data (in the

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Requa/Hoover Files) that they could get nowhere else. And this was no mined-out mine; it had hardly been mined at all. Contrast this with Roger Bowers' claims in the interviews made with him by Eriksson:

I don't know whether you have seen it but there is documentation that most of the actual Requa/Hoover files or anything that pertains to former President Hoover, most of the files, and Stephen makes mention of this, two tons or three tons of files, were donated to the University of Wyoming and remained at their library. So most of the files, the historical files, the ones that had true historical value and geological record, were donated by Larry Requa to the University of Wyoming. Basically what's left is the junk that the University of Wyoming apparently didn't want and were given to Steve by his father. They were what was left over from what was donated to the University of Wyoming. So most of the true Requa/Hoover Files are in Wyoming at the library and you can get access to those. So what we have got are the leftovers that either had no value or he just didn't want to give them away.

Again, Bowers is commenting with presumed authority about something on which he had no knowledge at all. Prior to the court frauds in which he immersed himself, Bowers had never seen the files. He knew nothing about them except about my father's reputation and what I told him about them. The actual volume of the papers my father gave to the University of Wyoming was five tons, which he presented to them during the late 1960s while he was still active in geological consulting. The truth, therefore, is obviously the exact opposite of Bowers' allegation: the files my father gave to the University of Wyoming were in fact just the files that he himself had no use for and which would likewise be of no use to me or anybody else in gold exploration. Obviously, he wasn't going to keep the "junk" either for himself or for me. He was *getting rid of* the junk. He kept the files that had potential commercial and geologic value for new exploration whether by himself, for use with his consulting work, and/or for use with me. He was still earning consulting fees up through the mid-1970s. A geologist doesn't consult using his junk files. Prochnau and "all young geologists" (in his words) came to my father for valuable information, not to look through junk.

This is so obvious that it is remarkable that Bowers would make such

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blatantly ridiculous assertions. Nobody gives away things of value and keeps what is worthless. But Bowers had to say something to distract from the truth: A mass of very valuable files had been stolen through very serious court frauds in which he, at minimum, was an accomplice after the fact (if not before the fact). All he could say about these matters (for his own purposes and those of his allies) was something completely stupid on its face, so that is what he said. Certainly my father was not going to give away all the valuable files and keep the worthless ones. But what else could Bowers say?

Just as curious is the mental inertia of the interviewer, Johan Eriksson, who listened to this with a straight face and then commented about my supposed “hype” on the files. The reality, history, and value of the files were well-known among the most illustrious of gold geologists for many decades. If anything, Roger Bowers would have much less ability to judge those files than the top experts in the field — and more to the point — he has demonstrably lied in an organized effort of disinformation and fraud. He has done so, it would seem, in tandem with FBI agents. At least that’s what he says himself.

The real content and value of the files just prior to their being stolen through the Utah court frauds are detailed by geologist Dan McCullar in a recorded interview in 2001 (see Document no. 21). McCullar has over 30 years experience in the field, and as an international consultant, is a true expert; here is the relevant part of what he said in that interview:

In the late 1980s Steve would come by my house on numerous occasions. He spent the field seasons, the summers, in Nevada collecting rock samples and trying to map out the conceptual models that he would develop over the winter from all the data he would collect over the summer. He would also bring by files that he would find in the database his father had left him, the Hoover/Requa Files. There was always something of great interest that he would find. He spoke of the enormity of their volume and how he had just begun to scratch the surface of these files. Some of these files would be typed [sheets of] paper, some bound volumes. I remember seeing handwritten notes from his father, some in pencil, some in pen, maps, [with] lots of exclamation points, underlines, and identifying marks that would indicate that certain files were of extreme importance — that their prospective nature was of high value.

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I remember specifically files from Central America and Honduras, the fact that Honduras was heavily forested and his father has spent an enormous amount of time travelling the rivers and hiking up the river valleys, mapping the outcrops, describing the mineralized areas that would not be easily seen by air photos. There were also volumes of files from Nevada, Idaho, and California, Arizona, and New Mexico. The varied nature of these files and the wide geographic range just spoke of the prolific nature of his grandfather's and father's investigative methods.

In 1991 I had an opportunity to visit Stephen in his apartment in Woodside and saw the files. He had moved them into a series of fire-proof vaulted filing cabinets that were extremely heavy. I remember Steve having strained his back at one time, having a very painful back injury [and] trying to move one of these filing cabinets. They took up an entire wall of the apartment. I remember there being quite a lot of concern that anybody else would even know the existence here of these files as Stephen discovered the value of the large number of important files...

He pulled open numerous drawers. We spent several hours looking through many files. They were all very carefully categorized by geographic regions. He would pull out some files that had the most amazing things written by his father, notes attached, some paper-clipped attached, some typewritten pages, descriptions of individual areas, some hand-drawn maps, some published maps with handwritten notes on the maps that identified geologic features on the maps. There was no question that there was a huge amount of data present and that it was not easy to move this volume of data from place to place.

It was clear that the real value of the company was in the files and that once we could get the mines in operation in Osceola and/or Merritt Mountain, that the real value for our company's future was in trying to exploit some of the data that had never been investigated with modern mining technology.

It was a very exciting time. We were certain that the company had a very bright future, and we were looking forward to quite a prosperous and exciting future in the mining industry based on the files that Stephen had inherited.

John Prochnau, who had met previously with my father on several occasions and had received valuable information from him and from the files, made the following comments at about that same time (see Document no. 19):

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Steve Requa showed me the Requa/Hoover Files. They were stored in his office in the Bay Area. There was a very large room full of filing cabinets and Steve showed me several of these that contained files on various properties that his father has examined in the past.... These files were documented over a period of years by his father and grandfather and during their venture with Herbert Hoover during the twenties and thirties.... In my view, that kind of information is of extraordinary interest and value.... I think the real value of those files is that they provide information that's not available from any other source.

The statements by these geologists require little commentary by me. These individuals have nothing to gain by any false statements (they saw what they saw and reported it), whereas Rogers Bowers did have something to gain. He was not only in possession of at least some of the files but, notably, also ended up in possession of some of the claims at Osceola that Osceola Gold — the fraudulent company set up by the receivership to receive them — assigned to him when it was dissolved. That was one of the benefits to Bowers for his services rendered.

Even more pertinent and compelling in this context are the impressive 2008 successes of my new companies (those I'd set up to succeed the destroyed one) in Central America. These companies *very quickly* identified some gold showings with high values in both gold itself and in the trace elements (mercury, arsenic, and antimony) that often point to associated gold deposits lying at a depth below them. Indeed, the values of gold (and/or the trace elements) that were reported by assay labs were extremely high. Locating these gold showings — finding their specific locations in the field in Honduras — was only made possible by my understanding of — and by my detailed and specific recollections of — the data contained in the stolen Requa/Hoover Files, which I spent 20 years studying with my father. These are undeveloped properties — *not* old mined-out deposits (as would falsely be alleged by Roger Bowers) — and I was able to direct from Europe our new field crew to the *exact* locations of the gold showings based on my prior familiarization with the now-stolen files (a familiarization acquired via countless hours spent

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examining the files with my father). I should emphasize that this was also information I gleaned from the files *after* my father gave the five tons of data to the University of Wyoming. I never went through any of the data donated to the university; it wasn't even stored in his working files! This conclusively proves both the value of the files, particularly of the large portion of the files *not* donated, contrary to the false allegations of Roger Bowers; and my detailed knowledge of these now-missing and stolen files. On every account except for his statements about the FBI calling him, Bowers has thus been shown to be a purveyor of lies.

Not only was it important to shroud the theft of the files in the various fictions generated by Bowers and others; it was also critical for similar reasons to allege that I had never really met President Fujimori, in view of his likely being one of the prime instigators of the takeover with Carlos Rodriguez-Pastor. In light of all the crimes that were to follow, why else would Carlos have gone to the extent of getting Fujimori and me together in Fujimori's private hotel suite? To be sure, Fujimori's having been interested in the files and having wanted to meet me about them only confirmed their great value. In addition, Fujimori's interest posed some questions as to who was involved in stealing the files and for what reasons: possibly to assist in laundering money through gold mines? Bowers claims in the interview that he was "informed" by some of those present at the Fujimori occasion that I never personally met Fujimori at all, that I was just present at a large banquet. There were, in fact — exactly as Prochnau has stated in his recorded interviews and in an affidavit (see Document no. 20) — only four other people present with me at the private meeting, besides a very few Fujimori aides, who included the ugly lawyer who forced his way into the picture. Those four were Carlos Rodriguez Pastor, John Prochnau, and the pair whom I have referred to in this book as Smitty and Santos. Bowers of course (deficient as he was in any exemplary gold exploration accomplishments) was *not* there.

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During the videotaped interview Bowers also repeated quite a phe-

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nominal litany of defamatory comments about me personally. Most of these were also pure hearsay on his part and originated, he claimed, from other investors who called him. I could think of no investors who were not a part of the Stevenson/Smitty/Santos/Kiernan schemers who would have called Bowers for any reason.

In any case, Bowers made the following allegations based purely on what other people allegedly told him: (1) that at Osceola on the mountain I once stripped naked and importuned “the spirits” to show me where to drill for the gold (this one is beneath my commenting on); (2) that I had told investors that we had mining operations going on at both Nevada sites (I would have been found out right away if I had said that!); (3) that according to the “receiver” I had taken \$200,000 of company funds for myself just before the receivership, presumably in cash or checks (to which I would ask, where could such amounts have gone?); and (4) most significantly, that I was “threatening” everyone — the BLM, shareholders, almost everybody. Concerning item (3) above, I certainly didn’t have such funds while I was being a house renovator and builder in Europe; and the fact is that the receiver squandered the \$400,000 in the accounts, paying for such things as exorbitant lawyers’ fees among the accomplices. Concerning item (4) about my threatening people, that is what David Enright alleged to Sgt. O’Keefe and what he alleged in court. The absurdities of these allegations have already been pointed out.

Ralph too was alleging to many that I was threatening both him and my mother. He alleged this to Margaret Hall and her daughter Joy Vega, as they stated in an interview with Johan Eriksson. Joy Vega was alleging in that interview that I was threatening her. Supposedly, many people were alleging that I was threatening them after my false arrest — so it was said by the judge and others. But no one was ever willing to come in during the court hearing or the later hospital hearing to assert those false allegations or try to offer any proof for them. Hence the hearing officer let me go. Ralph, as I learned in 2008, was also alleging that I and a friend had moved into my mother’s room at the retirement home in 1993 and we were sleeping on her floor. That, of course, is also a very far-fetched lie. The one thing all these people had in common, it would seem, is the

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backdrop of some nasty criminals in the FBI egging them on. Hence the “courage” of each of them to spout blatant lies. They knew they were being protected by the FBI. Whether they could distinguish “real” (i.e., honest) FBI agents from FBI agents who were criminals is another matter.

Sorting out this spaghetti tangle of lies is seemingly a daunting task. But those lies began to unravel by my determination and accomplishments, along with the stupidity of the criminals, after the takeover and theft of the files. Specifically, (1) I managed to recover the most important claims at both Nevada properties because Bowers hadn’t maintained them properly, nor did he even cover the most essential areas with his new claims after defaulting on Banner’s claims (e.g., the Collapse Breccia and the Cumberland Ridge); (2) I discovered a big new “Main Root Vein” at Merritt Mountain; and (3) I located and signed a contract in Central America on a high-grade gold mine that I knew of from my father’s files.

In addition, there are three overarching factors that I believe are evident that simplify the task of understanding this strange phenomenon of mass delusional lying. The first is that the corrupt FBI agents were manipulating people with fear. They were alleging, basically, that I was a lunatic and a homicidal maniac, besides being a mad bomber. I think this is especially evident in the recorded telephone call with the Rev. Marsh. Her great fear (of me) is clear. But I had personally given her no reason for such fear.

The second factor is that there are/were some big-money interests in the background. People were repeating the FBI-approved lies (and originating others) to ingratiate themselves to the big-money people who were behind the FBI corruption. People wanted to believe the lies because that was the ticket to this party — the party that was being hosted by Ralph Requa and Roger Bowers to please some rich people and their hired criminalized FBI agents.

The third factor is that everybody thought they could get away with all their lies — along with the big crimes they were assisting — because the FBI agents were protecting them or at least were on their side. Given

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that all those involved in the securities racketeering would have been very determined to discredit me any way they could, such a campaign of lies to Bowers is easy to understand and is to be expected.

But Bowers also said several things, and also wrote some things that first came to my attention in late 2008, that were likewise outright lies originating with him — statements he made with sure knowledge that they were lies. One big lie was that he had met me at the airport in Dallas when I was on my way back from negotiating with Toriello in 1992. I did meet Bowers then, but it was not at the airport. It was at his home to conduct a shareholders' meeting for which I had made a legitimate notice to all shareholders. The meeting was to ratify what we were negotiating with Toriello. Bowers served as the secretary of the meeting and wrote the minutes. He would not have wanted to admit that because later the allegation was that I was deranged and not following corporate procedures. Bowers said he met me at the airport for two hours and that I “did not appear to be myself.” This is another outright and complete lie by Bowers. So he was not just mouthing the lies of others. He was making up his own, knowing full well that they were plain and simple lies.

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And now here is, I trust, the *coup de grace* for Mr. Bowers. In one of the taped interviews, Bowers says this:

So it [Banner International] was that type of operation: lack of good science...In the files we found probably four or five thousand sample assays, but there were no maps or charts or notes showing where those samples came from. So he spent thousands of dollars alone on laboratory tests but it's totally useless data because we have no idea where these samples came from.

As Roger Bowers knew very well, virtually all the samples were taken by John Breitrick, our field geologist, who did almost all the work during those years. Bowers even hired Breitrick as a field geologist *after* the receivership. Bowers also saw all that data — from all those thousands of samples plotted not only on Breitrick's own field sheets and maps, but

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also on the compiled maps I myself did based on Breitrick's samples. All that data and all those maps were then seized and plundered by the receiver and then by Bowers. They also could have got all that data from Breitrick. They assumed, therefore, that they had been able to rely on that data being *criminally suppressed*. Unfortunately for them, however, in late 2008 I was able to recover *all* of it: *all* the data and *all* the maps that show *exactly* where *all* the samples were taken. I have copies of all the data in my possession.

These results and these many maps provide the reason why John Breitrick wrote the following (taken from his summary memorandum of 1991 quoted previously in this chapter (see Document no. 14):

Of the many properties I have worked on, Osceola is my most preferred, and the one that has demonstrated the best and greatest potential for long-term, sustained production, and the likelihood of becoming a world class mining district. The surface field work has now been complete, with structures and mineralization indicating the locations of the underlying targets to be drilled.

The maps and data also provide the backup evidence for Roger Bowers' April 9, 1991 letter to the Stanford Placement Service (quoted previously and reproduced in full in Document no. 5), in which he praises my work on Osceola and Merritt Mountain and concludes that "[b]y effectively applying the modern techniques and by being at the forefront of geological developments in the industry, he has achieved alone as much or more than most mining companies achieve with large staffs. His geological accomplishments have been impressive to say the least." Bowers wrote similar substantiations for the work, especially Breitrick's, in another letter (see Document no. 13).

Since interviewer Johan Eriksson had a copy of that letter, one would think that he might have asked Bowers to explain the total, mind-boggling contradiction between what he then wrote and what he was now saying for Eriksson's cameras. One would have naturally thought this, but for some reason both Bowers and Johan seemed oblivious to any concern that they might be called to account for these gross differences.

In the interviews Bowers briefly alleges that I had altered his past written conclusions (meaning his Stanford letter), but this is impossible. *All* the letters to the Stanford Placement Service are *only* original signed

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documents. That's all they accept. Altering these letters is totally impossible. They are the only ones that have the originals.

In other words, from all these combined items of evidence we have conclusive proof that Roger Bowers (on all fronts except for his comments about the FBI) became after the takeover a complete and systematic liar. It is no surprise that he was able to get some of the Osceola claims assigned to him after the court fraudsters dissolved Osceola Gold. The instigators had got what they wanted — the files themselves — and were happy to let Bowers have his reward with some of the claims. These claims assignments would have been with the approval of Lionel Toriello, who was CEO of Osceola Gold, and Phil Stevenson, who was also a director. All the major crimes of the takeover — at least all the ones identified to date — imply, indicate, or demonstrate a close connivance between Toriello and Stevenson, an abject racketeer.

I also showed to two people who are knowledgeable about the files the interview of Bowers alleging that what was in the back of his pick-up truck was “essentially all” the files. The first was Dan McCullar, whose comments about the files that he had seen have been noted above. In another interview in late 2008, as we looked again over the many maps Dan had seen before, when they were being compiled, he comments about Bowers' later assertions as compared to those in his earlier statements (including the Stanford letter):

Clearly he's contradicted himself in the film with Johan. It's [the] complete opposite from what he had written about you in the years leading up to the takeover. You collected volumes of data...and clearly what's represented in these geological maps is an extraordinary amount of work. It would have taken a team of graduate students many years to have accomplished what you did out there with John Breitrick and a few others. I remember meeting with him [Bowers] before the take-over, and he couldn't say enough good things about you. Then I remember meeting with him in Arlington [after the takeover] and he clearly tried to influence me into thinking you were somehow ... mad or criminally deranged. I remember talking to him about the outcome and the conclusions and how to drill and it had nothing to do with this data here [the recovered data]. Talk about a waste of resources. You did much more with far less than what he had to work with and he threw it away.

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Notably, what McCullar says is quite similar to what Bowers had said and written *before* he was very evidently persuaded or induced to lie on a grand scale. I also showed the interview of Bowers to my niece Ann Requa, who saw the files in my father's office not long before he died. To Bowers' assertions that the few boxes in his small pickup truck comprised essentially all the files, Ann's comment serves as a simple and apropos conclusion to this chapter: "What a liar!"

In the next chapter we will follow the stench of the Eriksson "documentary" back to its sources as we continue to uncover the trail of lies and corruption and look at the unintended revelations.