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Ms. Christine Leonard
Office of Congressman William Delahunt
Washington, D.C.

**Re: Gregory Scarpa, Jr. (Florence ADMAX Inmate Reg. No. 10099-050) —
Report of Imminent Act of Domestic Terrorism**

Dear Ms. Leonard:

This morning I received a call from a rather distraught Gregory Scarpa, Jr., at the Florence ADMAX U.S. Prison, who informed me that he had learned from another prisoner “the location of a bomb on U.S. soil” (approximate quotation), that he had asked Florence ADMAX officials to arrange for him to provide this information to an appropriate agency (FBI or BATF) but that no action appeared to have been taken and that the threat was imminent.

Because of prior efforts of certain members of federal law enforcement in Brooklyn and Manhattan to discredit intelligence which Scarpa had provided in 1996-7 on foreign terrorism (Ramzi Yousef et al.), intelligence which I am confident was fully credible,¹ and because at least one of these officials is now in a very senior position in Washington (general counsel of the FBI), I was concerned that Scarpa would not be dealt with in good faith by federal agents.

On the assumption that a referral from a member of Congress was more likely to elicit a good-faith response, I immediately attempted to reach John Kivlan (calling your Washington office, where I left my phone number when the receptionist elected not to receive any indication of the substance of the matter concerning which I was calling).

I then called a journalist acquaintance (associated with one of the major television networks), who called a member of a joint terrorism task force in California with whom he had had prior contact.

Late this afternoon Mr. Scarpa was able to call my associate, Angela Clemente, to whom he gave somewhat more information:

- He has been in contact with source of this information (another Florence ADMAX inmate) for a number of months.
- The source is a domestic, not foreign, terrorist.
- The source has one or more brothers who are not incarcerated and either will be the perpetrator(s) of an act of domestic terrorism or have knowledge of the prospective perpetrators and the nature of their planned action.
- Action by federal authorities by Thursday, March 3, 2005, is imperative or “it’s over with”;

¹ FBI Forms 302 recounting the intelligence provided by Mr. Scarpa, including details of specific terrorist actions and plans, are summarized in our April 2004 submission to the “9-11 Commission,” and we have documented the validity of this intelligence.

“we don’t want another Oklahoma City bombing.”

In light of the information provided by Mr. Scarpa to Ms. Clemente, it appears likely that the source of Mr. Scarpa’s information is **Terry Lynn Nichols (Florence ADMAX, Inmate Reg. No. 08157-031)**, convicted and serving a life term as a coconspirator with Timothy McVeigh in the Murrah Building (Oklahoma City) bombing. Nichols has at least two brothers, Les and James, the latter of whom has been identified with various “antigovernment” activities.

As of the time of Mr. Scarpa’s late afternoon call to Ms. Clemente, no action appears to have been taken by the California JTTF member contacted this morning by the New York television journalist.

I would note that, while I am confident of Mr. Scarpa’s sincerity and good faith, the possibility that he has been “set up” cannot be dismissed. In light of the previous, unfounded, allegation that his Yousef intelligence was the product of a “scam” and conspiracy to mislead the government, it might be thought, in some quarters, that new intelligence, found to be unsubstantiable, would thoroughly and permanently discredit Mr. Scarpa. Thus, appropriate action in response to Mr. Scarpa’s intelligence must include an inquiry into the origins of that information, even if the alleged “plot” were determined to be nonexistent.

We will appreciate your assistance in securing an appropriate response to the information which Mr. Scarpa has provided.

Sincerely,



Stephen P. Dresch, Ph.D.

Note: This letter is sent on behalf of myself and Angela Clemente.