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WALSH INVESTIGATION UPDATE

DOLE CALLS FOR JUDICIARY COMMITTEE HEARING ON WALSH PROBE; SENATORS ALSO URGE BARR TO INVESTIGATE POSSIBLE CRIMINAL VIOLATION OF FEDERAL LAWS BY WALSH OFFICE

WASHINGTON -- Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole (R-Kansas) today called on the leaders of the Senate Judiciary Committee to hold a formal committee hearing on possible political, unethical or illegal activities centering around Independent Counsel Lawrence Walsh's election-eve indictment of former Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger.

"Republicans may be in the minority, but we shouldn't be shut out when it comes to seeking truth and justice," Dole said. "If our concerns can't get a fair hearing in the Senate, perhaps it's time we changed the rules so one party doesn't have a monopoly on the investigative powers of Congress." Dole made the request in a letter to Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Joe Biden (D-DE) and ranking Republican member Strom Thurmond (R-SC).

Dole also announced that he and Senator Thurmond have asked the Attorney General to examine the possible criminal violation of certain federal laws and rules in relation to the Walsh indictment of Weinberger. The Senators made the request in a letter to Attorney General William Barr.

Senators Dole and Thurmond asked that the examination be conducted in connection with the Justice Department's current review of two official requests: one made November 11th by four Republican members of the Senate Judiciary Committee and supported by Senator Dole to appoint an independent counsel to investigate whether any political considerations went into the timing of the Weinberger indictment and whether Walsh's probe had improper ties to the Clinton campaign; the other made November 9th by Senator Dole requesting a Justice Department investigation of the Walsh office. Attorney General Barr has until December 11th to respond to the Senate request for an independent counsel to investigate the Walsh operation.

The text of the two letters follows:

BOB DOLE
KANSAS

United States Senate

OFFICE OF THE REPUBLICAN LEADER

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-7020

November 20, 1992

The Honorable William P. Barr
Attorney General of the United States
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

In connection with the review by the Department of Justice of the possible occurrence of any illegal, improper, or unethical activities within the Office of Independent Counsel Lawrence Walsh, we take this opportunity to bring to your attention certain Federal criminal statutes and rules which we believe warrant your consideration.

(a) 18 U.S.C. 595, which, among other things, relates to government employees using their official capacity to interfere with or affect the election of any candidate for President. We have serious concerns whether improper considerations, including political considerations, by the Office of Independent Counsel Lawrence Walsh went into the decision to bring the indictment on October 30, 1992 against Caspar Weinberger and the timing of the indictment for the purpose of interfering with or affecting the Presidential election.

(b) 18 U.S.C. 241, which relates to a conspiracy to deprive an individual of his or her constitutionally protected rights. We have concerns whether improper considerations, including political considerations, went into the decision to bring the indictment against Caspar Weinberger on October 30, 1992.

(c) Rule 6(e) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure prohibits the disclosure of matters occurring before the grand jury. We have concerns whether information before the grand jury was disclosed improperly to the Clinton/Gore campaign or other interested or related parties. Press reports indicate that the Clinton/Gore presidential campaign released a press release dated October 29, 1992 commenting in detail on the indictment which was handed up one day later on October 30, 1992.

This list is not intended to be exclusive and reflects certain matters which we believe should be reviewed and addressed by the Department of Justice. We look forward to your response.

With kindest regards and best wishes,

Sincerely,



STROM THURMOND



BOB DOLE

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KANSAS

United States Senate

OFFICE OF THE REPUBLICAN LEADER

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-7020

November 20, 1992

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
Chairman
The Honorable Strom Thurmond
Ranking Republican
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Gentlemen:

I hereby request that the Senate Judiciary Committee hold a hearing at the earliest possible time to consider illegal, unethical, or improper activities by the Office of Independent Counsel Lawrence Walsh with respect to the indictment of Caspar Weinberger on October 30, 1992.

This indictment was announced just four days before the November 3rd election. Press reports indicate that the Clinton/Gore presidential campaign released a press release dated October 29, 1992 commenting in detail on the indictment.

The timing of the indictment and the date of the Clinton/Gore press release raise serious questions as to whether improper political considerations are a factor in the operation of the Office of Independent Counsel and the fulfillment of its responsibilities. The recent hiring of Mr. James Brosnahan, an individual widely known to have strong ties to the democrat party and politics, to handle the Weinberger indictment would seem to further undermine the impartiality of the Office and the legitimacy of its actions. Press reports indicate that Mr. Brosnahan contributed \$500 to the Clinton/Gore campaign and that his law firm contributed over \$20,000 to the campaign.

I am sure that you share my view as to the seriousness of this situation. It is in the best interests of all concerned, including the United States Senate, to ensure that the Office of Independent Counsel Lawrence Walsh conducts itself in accordance with the highest legal and ethical standards and that it remain free of political influence or the appearance of political influence.

I appreciate your attention to this most important request and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



BOB DOLE

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KANSAS

United States Senate

OFFICE OF THE REPUBLICAN LEADER

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-7020

November 9, 1992

Mr. Lawrence E. Walsh
Columbia Square
555 Thirteenth Street, N.W.
Suite 701 West
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Mr. Walsh:

A number of activities of Mr. James Brosnahan, an employee of your office, have been brought to my attention which cast doubt on the ability of this individual to impartially and fairly conduct the business of your office. I also suspect that there may be additional activities of which I am unaware. Accordingly, it is my opinion that the credibility of your office is severely compromised by the employment of Mr. Brosnahan.

1. It is my understanding that in connection with the nomination hearings of William Rehnquist to be Chief Justice of the United States, Mr. Brosnahan testified against the nomination on August 1, 1986 before the Senate Judiciary Committee. It is worth noting that his testimony received bipartisan criticism with one democrat senator stating that "he merely put on a show without contributing any substantive . . . evidence."

It is also my understanding that in connection with such hearing on August 1, 1986, Mr. Brosnahan testified in response to a question that he has been involved in the democrat party and politics. It is worth noting, among other things, that Mr. Brosnahan was chairman of the Youth for Kennedy in Arizona in 1960 and that he has had lots of involvement in campaigns. It is also worth noting that Mr. Brosnahan was appointed an assistant United States attorney under the Administration of Robert Kennedy.

2. It is also my understanding that Mr. Brosnahan was involved in the defense of a California newspaper -- the Sacramento Bee -- against the libel charge of Senator Paul Laxalt, General Chairman of the Republican Party and National Chairman of the Reagan-Bush re-election campaign at the time of the suit.

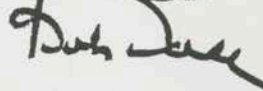
3. It is my understanding that Mr. Brosnahan was involved in connection with the preparation of the October 30, 1992 indictment of Caspar Weinberger. As you may know, press reports indicate that Mr. Brosnahan contributed \$500 to the Clinton-Gore campaign and that his law firm contributed \$20,000 to the

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campaign. Needless to say, the timing of the indictment -- just four days before the November 3rd election -- again raises the issue of whether politics was a factor of the decisionmaking process. In addition, press reports further indicate that the Clinton-Gore campaign released a press release dated October 29, 1992 -- the day before the indictment -- commenting in detail on the indictment raising questions of possible improper disclosure of the indictment to the Clinton-Gore campaign.

As I am sure you will agree, the ability of your office to function is intimately tied to its ability to remain free of political influence or even the appearance of political influence. While I do not know Mr. Brosnahan personally, I have strong reservations over the ability of such an individual to function independently of what would appear to be a strong political bias.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Bob Dole", written over the word "Sincerely,".

BOB DOLE

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November 9, 1992

The Honorable Robert J. Dole
Republican Leader of the Senate
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510-7020

Dear Senator:

This will acknowledge your letter of November 9, 1992 which I have just received regarding Mr. James Brosnahan. I have read it with care and I have concluded that the facts stated do not raise any question in my mind as to the ability, impartiality or fairness of Mr. Brosnahan. On the other hand, they disclose a courageous lawyer who in the best sense of the Bar, is willing to expose himself to unpopularity in order to carry out his responsibility as a distinguished trial lawyer.

In the course of my work as Independent Counsel, I have employed both lawyers and non-lawyers. No one has been questioned as to his political preference in connection with his employment. I happen to know Mr. Brosnahan by reputation. I assumed he was a Democrat so your information in this respect does not come as a surprise. It also does not surprise me that he made a \$500.00 contribution to a candidate in his party's primary any more than the fact that before I assumed this office, I also made contributions to candidates in my party. The significant point is that neither of us have made any contributions since undertaking to work as Independent Counsel.

Your suggestion that on these slim grounds you suspect someone in my office of giving advance notice to the Clinton/Gore campaign does concern me. The fact that an indictment would be returned by October 30 was known publicly for nearly a month and before Mr. Brosnahan was employed. It had been reiterated only eight days before the indictment was returned. In fact, the advance notice of the indictment was given not to the Clinton/Gore campaign but to the intelligence agencies of the Administration whose representatives reviewed it for classified information twenty-four hours before it was returned.

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You may be sure that I have long respected your contribution as the leader of my party in the Senate. I regret exceedingly that we have come into controversy regarding the Weinberger indictment. I can recall no case where a Senate Leader has so directly intruded himself in a pending lawsuit. It is my hope that your concern for Mr. Weinberger will not distort your ultimate evaluation of Mr. Brosnahan or me or my office.

Respectfully yours,



Lawrence E. Walsh,
Independent Counsel

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United States Senate

OFFICE OF THE REPUBLICAN LEADER

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-7020

November 9, 1992

The Honorable William P. Barr
Attorney General of the United States
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

I hereby request that the Department of Justice investigate whether or not there were any illegal, improper, or unethical activities in regards to the actions of the office of independent counsel Lawrence Walsh in bringing an indictment against Caspar Weinberger on October 30, 1992.

As you know, this indictment was announced just four days before the November 3rd election. Press reports indicate that the Clinton/Gore presidential campaign released a press release dated October 29, 1992 commenting in detail on the indictment.

Among other concerns, I have questions whether or not improper political considerations went into the timing of the indictment, and whether improper disclosure of the indictment was made to the Clinton/Gore campaign.

I hope you will give prompt consideration to this most important matter.

Sincerely,


BOB DOLE

JOSEPH R. BIDEN, JR., DELAWARE, CHAIRMAN

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AND STAFF DIRECTOR

United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-6275

November 10, 1992

The Honorable William P. Barr
Attorney General of the United States
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 592(g), we, the undersigned, comprising a majority of all nonmajority party members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, do hereby request that you take the necessary steps for the appointment of an independent counsel to investigate whether or not there were any illegal, improper, or unethical activities in regards to the actions of the office of independent counsel Lawrence Walsh in bringing an indictment against Caspar Weinberger on October 30, 1992.

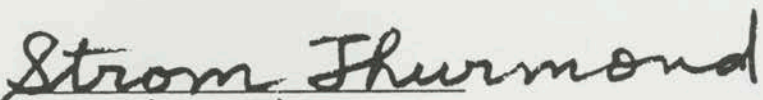
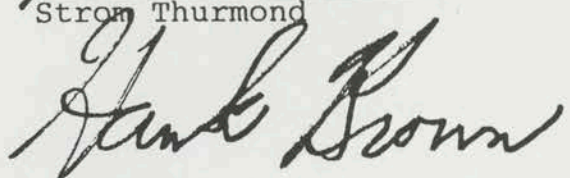
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Among other concerns, we have questions whether or not improper political considerations went into the timing of the indictment, and whether improper disclosure of the indictment was made to the Clinton/Gore campaign.

We hope you will give prompt consideration to this most important matter.

Sincerely,


Alan K. Simpson


Strom Thurmond

Hank Brown

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

November 9, 1992

The Honorable William P. Barr
Attorney General of the United States
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 592(g), I hereby join with Senators Thurmond, Simpson and Brown, in requesting that you appoint an independent counsel to investigate whether or not there were any illegal, improper, or unethical activities in regards to the actions of the office of independent counsel Lawrence Walsh in bringing an indictment against Caspar Weinberger on October 30, 1992.

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Among other concerns, I have questions whether or not improper political considerations went into the timing of the indictment, and whether improper disclosure of the indictment was made to the Clinton/Gore campaign.

I hope you will give prompt consideration to this most important matter.

Sincerely,



CHARLES E. GRASSLEY
United States Senator

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November 11, 1992

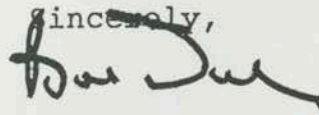
The Honorable William P. Barr
Attorney General of the United States
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

It is my understanding that pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 592(g), a majority of all nonmajority party members of the Senate Judiciary Committee have written to you requesting that you apply for the appointment of an independent counsel to investigate whether or not there were any illegal, improper, or unethical activities by any employees of the office of independent counsel Lawrence Walsh in bringing an indictment against Caspar Weinberger on October 30, 1992.

I strongly support this request and hope that you will give prompt consideration to this most important matter. As I have previously indicated to you, this indictment was announced just four days before the November 3rd election. Press reports indicate that the Clinton/Gore presidential campaign released a press release dated October 29, 1992 commenting in detail on the indictment.

Obviously, such circumstances raise serious questions, including questions as to the timing of the indictment and whether improper or illegal disclosure of the indictment was made to the Clinton/Gore campaign.

Sincerely,


BOB DOLE

Bob Dole



NEWS

U.S. SENATOR FOR KANSAS

FROM:

SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
NOVEMBER 11, 1992

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**SENATE REPUBLICANS CALL FOR SPECIAL PROSECUTOR TO INVESTIGATE
SPECIAL PROSECUTOR WALSH;
FOUR JUDICIARY MEMBERS WRITE ATTORNEY GENERAL BARR TO
START INVESTIGATION OF POSSIBLE UNETHICAL,
POLITICAL AND ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES.**

WASHINGTON -- Concerned about possible political, illegal or unethical activities in Lawrence Walsh's ongoing Iran/Contra probe, four Republican members of the Senate Judiciary Committee have officially requested the U.S. Department of Justice to take the necessary steps for the appointment of an independent counsel to investigate the Walsh operation.

In letters to Attorney General William P. Barr, Senators Alan Simpson (R-Wyoming), Strom Thurmond (R-SC), Hank Brown (R-Colorado) and Charles Grassley (R-Iowa) raised questions about the timing of the recent Caspar Weinberger indictment and the possibility of improper disclosure to the Clinton/Gore campaign by democrat activists in Walsh's office.

Under the Independent Counsel Statute, the Judiciary Committee, or a majority of either party's membership on the committee, is entitled to make such a request. The Attorney General has 30 days after receipt of the request to deliver a report to the committee indicating his intentions with respect to an investigation.

"The entire Walsh operation appears to have been seriously compromised by recent developments, including strong indications of partisanship and election-year manipulation. It's time to clear the air. I believe Mr. Walsh would welcome this opportunity to defend the independence of the independent counsel's office. The American people deserve no less," Senator Dole said.

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 592(g), we, the undersigned, comprising a majority of all nonmajority party members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, do hereby request that you take the necessary steps for the appointment of an independent counsel to investigate whether or not there were any illegal, improper, or unethical activities in regards to the actions of the office of independent counsel Lawrence Walsh in bringing an indictment against Caspar Weinberger on October 30, 1992.

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We hope you will give prompt consideration to this most important matter.

Sincerely,

Alan X. Simpson
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Strom Thurmond
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Hank Brown
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Senator Grassley made a similar request in a separate letter.

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Bob Dole



NEWS

U. S. SENATOR FOR KANSAS

FROM:

SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
NOVEMBER 9, 1992

CONTACT: WALT RIKER
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DOLE TO WALSH: FIRE BROSNAHAN

WASHINGTON -- Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole (R-Kansas) today called on Iran/Contra Special Prosecutor Lawrence Walsh to fire top aide James Brosnahan, who brought an election eve indictment against former Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger. Citing Brosnahan's longtime record of Democrat activism, anti-Republican activities, and campaign contributions to the Clinton campaign, Dole said Brosnahan's employment in Walsh's office compromised the integrity of the independent counsel's operation.

The text of Senator Dole's letter follows.

Bob Dole



NEWS

U.S. SENATOR FOR KANSAS

FROM:

SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
NOVEMBER 9, 1992

CONTACT: WALT RIKER
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WALSH IRAN/CONTRA INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON -- Now that we have your attention....Senator Bob Dole today re-released a press release from August 11, 1992 detailing the "outrageous waste of taxpayer dollars by the lavish and partisan Walsh operation".

The August release of a Senate floor statement by Senator Dole was given the cold-shoulder, but perhaps now it will have more "relevance".

Lawrence Walsh's comment that large contributions from his law firm and one of his top aides to the Clinton campaign are "irrelevant" only demonstrates the special prosecutor's special arrogance. He is obviously determined to stay above the law and out of reach of the people who are paying his tab, the American taxpayers.

(over for text of August 11, 1992 release)

Bob Dole



NEWS

U. S. SENATOR FOR KANSAS

FROM:

SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
AUGUST 11, 1992

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WALSH INVESTIGATION

NEW INFORMATION SHEDS LIGHT ON EXTRAVAGANT TAXPAYER-FUNDED
WALSH PROBE; TAXPAYERS PICK UP TAB FOR MILLIONS
IN LUXURY OFFICE SPACE, HOTEL ROOMS, TRAVEL & FOOD

AS MEMBERS OF THIS BODY KNOW, I'VE BEEN QUITE CRITICAL IN THE PAST ABOUT IRAN-CONTRA INDEPENDENT COUNSEL LAWRENCE WALSH.

I'VE CRITICIZED HIM FOR THE \$35 MILLION COST OF HIS INVESTIGATION. I'VE CRITICIZED HIM FOR NOT SHUTTING HIS INVESTIGATION DOWN. I'VE CRITICIZED HIM FOR SMEARING THE NAMES OF SOME OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVANTS.

DESPITE ALL THIS, I NEVER THOUGHT THAT ONE DAY I'D BE STANDING HERE TO SUGGEST THAT IT'S TIME TO APPOINT AN INDEPENDENT COUNSEL TO INVESTIGATE THE INDEPENDENT COUNSEL.

SOME HERE MIGHT NOT HAVE SEEN THE INFORMATION RECENTLY DISCOVERED BY CONGRESSMAN GERALD SOLOMON, AND REPORTED IN THE MEDIA. OTHERS MIGHT HAVE GLOSSED RIGHT OVER THE INFORMATION, SINCE THE INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR SO LONG THAT NO ONE REALLY CARES.

SO LET ME SHARE THE INFORMATION WITH YOU.

\$5.6 MILLION FOR LUXURIOUS OFFICE SPACE

CONGRESSMAN SOLOMON OBTAINED SOME OF THE VOUCHERS AND EXPENSE REPORTS FOR MR. WALSH AND HIS CREW--THESE VOUCHERS CONFIRM A POINT I HAVE MADE BEFORE: THAT MR. WALSH'S INQUISITION IS BASED IN SOME OF THE MOST LUXURIOUS REAL ESTATE IN TOWN--JUST HOW LUXURIOUS? WELL, SO FAR, THE DOCUMENTS SHOW THAT THE TAXPAYERS HAVE SHELLLED OUT \$5.6 MILLION FOR OFFICE SPACE.

BUT NOT ONLY DOES MR. WALSH CHOOSE TO WORK IN THE MOST EXPENSIVE REAL ESTATE, HE ALSO CHOOSES TO STAY IN EXPENSIVE HOTELS. NOW, THAT WOULD BE FINE IF WAS PAYING THE BILL. BUT HE DOESN'T. THE TAXPAYERS PAY THE BILL.

\$655,000 ALLOWANCE

DOCUMENTS FOR THE OFFICE OF INDEPENDENT COUNSEL SHOW THAT \$655,000 HAS BEEN SPENT ON WHAT IS TERMED "PER DIEM AND SUBSISTENCE."

AND, APPARENTLY, UP TO \$300,000 OF THIS AMOUNT HAS BEEN USED TO PAY THE PERSONAL LIVING EXPENSES OF JUDGE WALSH AND HIS CHIEF DEPUTY, CRAIG GILLEN.

THOSE PERSONAL LIVING EXPENSES INCLUDE MR. WALSH'S HOTEL BILLS AT THE WATERGATE HOTEL, A COUNTLESS NUMBER OF \$17 ROOM SERVICE BREAKFASTS, AND ROOM SERVICE DINNERS, WHICH RUN BETWEEN \$25-\$40 EACH.

WALSH'S BIG BREAKFASTS

IN FACT, BY CONGRESSMAN SOLOMON'S CALCULATIONS, YOU AND I AND ALL THE REST OF AMERICAN TAXPAYERS HAVE SHELLLED OUT \$25,000 FOR LAWRENCE WALSH'S BREAKFASTS AND \$40,000 FOR LAWRENCE WALSH'S DINNERS.

THE TAXPAYERS ARE PAYING MR. WALSH'S HOTEL AND RESTAURANT BILLS BECAUSE JUDGE WALSH LISTS HIS PRINCIPAL DUTY STATION AS OKLAHOMA CITY ON HIS GOVERNMENT TRAVEL VOUCHERS.

AND MR. GILLEN, HIS FULL-TIME DEPUTY WHO HAS REALLY TAKEN OVER THE ENTIRE OPERATION, LISTS HIS PRINCIPAL DUTY STATION AS ATLANTA.

THEY DO THIS EVEN THOUGH THERE IS NO INDEPENDENT COUNSEL OFFICE IN ATLANTA--AND EVEN THOUGH THERE'S ONLY A PART-TIME ONE IN OKLAHOMA CITY.

BY LISTING THEIR PRINCIPAL DUTY STATIONS AS OKLAHOMA CITY AND ATLANTA, JUDGE WALSH AND MR. GILLEN ARE ABLE TO BILL THE TAXPAYERS FOR THEIR TRAVEL FROM OKLAHOMA CITY AND ATLANTA TO WASHINGTON AND BACK, AND ALL THEIR LIVING EXPENSES WHILE IN WASHINGTON.

CONGRESSMAN SOLOMON HAS CALCULATED THAT MR. GILLEN HAS COLLECTED AT LEAST \$100,000---THAT'S \$100,000--IN LIVING AND TRAVEL EXPENSES ABOVE AND BEYOND HIS LEGALLY ESTABLISHED SALARY.

CONGRESS SOLOMON HAS ALSO LEARNED THAT MR. WALSH AND MR. GILLEN RECEIVE SPECIAL RATES FROM THE CORPORATION THAT OWNS THE WATERGATE HOTEL.

I GUESS I SHOULDN'T COMPLAIN ABOUT THIS SPECIAL DISCOUNT, SINCE IT SAVES THE TAXPAYERS MONEY--BUT I WONDER IF IT MIGHT ALSO QUALIFY AS AN IMPROPER SUPPLEMENTATION OF SALARY.

THERE ARE OTHER EXPENSES THAT ARE COMING TO LIGHT. \$881,000 IN "INCIDENTAL EXPENSES." \$401,000 FOR "MAINTENANCE." \$698,000 FOR "CONTRACTUAL SERVICES." THE LIST GOES ON AND ON. AND I THINK ALL OF AMERICA CAN NOW UNDERSTAND WHY MR. WALSH AND MR. GILLEN ARE GOING ON AND ON.

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Bob Dole



NEWS

U.S. SENATOR FOR KANSAS

FROM:

SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
JULY 27, 1992

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WALSH INVESTIGATION

DOLE AMENDMENT REQUIRES OFFICIAL ACCOUNTING OF LAVISH TAXPAYER FUNDED IRAN/CONTRA PROBE

WASHINGTON -- DURING DEBATE ON THE FY93 COMMERCE, STATE, JUSTICE APPROPRIATIONS BILL, THE U.S. SENATE MONDAY UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED AN AMENDMENT AUTHORED BY SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER BOB DOLE (R-KANSAS) REQUIRING THE GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE (GAO) TO SUBMIT TO CONGRESS THE LEGALLY REQUIRED FINANCIAL REVIEWS OF INDEPENDENT COUNSEL EXPENDITURES. SENATOR DOLE'S FLOOR STATEMENT FOLLOWS:

AS MANY OF MY COLLEAGUES KNOW, I HAVE NOT BEEN A BIG FAN OF THE OFFICE OF INDEPENDENT COUNSEL. IN FAR TOO MANY INSTANCES, THE INVESTIGATIONS CONDUCTED BY INDEPENDENT COUNSELS HAVE TURNED OUT TO BE PARTISAN POLITICAL FISHING EXPEDITIONS--EXPEDITIONS WHICH ACCOMPLISHED NOTHING MORE THAN WASTING MILLIONS OF TAX DOLLARS.

THE MOST EGREGIOUS EXAMPLE OF THIS IS, OF COURSE, THE NEVER-ENDING IRAN-CONTRA INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED BY LAWRENCE WALSH. THIS DECEMBER, MR. WALSH WILL CELEBRATE HIS SIXTH ANNIVERSARY AS INDEPENDENT COUNSEL.

AND SINCE MR. WALSH SPENDS MOST OF HIS TIME IN OKLAHOMA, LEISURELY WORKING ON HIS MEMOIRS, WHILE HIS CREW OF ATTORNEYS ARE ENSCONCED IN SOME OF WASHINGTON'S CUSHIEST OFFICE SPACE, ALL ENJOYING THE LUXURY OF OPERATING WITH AN UNLIMITED BUDGET, THERE IS LITTLE HOPE THAT THE END IS IN SIGHT.

MY INTENTION IN OFFERING THIS AMENDMENT, HOWEVER, IS NOT TO SEND A MESSAGE TO MR. WALSH--WHO HAS ALREADY PROVEN HIS INABILITY TO UNDERSTAND THE SIMPLE FACT THAT IT'S TIME TO LEAVE IRAN-CONTRA TO THE HISTORY BOOKS.

RATHER, MY INTENTION IS TO SEND A MESSAGE TO THE GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE.

I KNOW THAT MANY SENATORS SHARED MY FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY CONCERNS WHEN CONGRESS ESTABLISHED A PERMANENT INDEFINITE APPROPRIATION TO FUND THE EXPENSES OF ALL INDEPENDENT COUNSELS.

THEREFORE, IN THE DOJ APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 1988, A PROVISION WAS ADOPTED THAT REQUIRED THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL TO "PERFORM SEMI-ANNUAL FINANCIAL REVIEWS" OF INDEPENDENT COUNSEL EXPENDITURES. THESE REVIEWS WERE THEN TO BE PROVIDED TO THE HOUSE AND SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE.

UNFORTUNATELY, AS THE GAO CONFIRMED TO MY OFFICE THIS PAST WEEK, NO REVIEWS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED TO THE HOUSE AND SENATE. NO REVIEWS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED TO ANYONE. AND THE SAD FACT IS THAT NO REVIEWS HAVE EVER BEEN COMPLETED.

THE GAO AND MR. BOWSHER, THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL, ARE EXTREMELY APOLOGETIC FOR IGNORING THE SPECIFIC REQUEST OF CONGRESS, AS INDEED THEY SHOULD BE.

MY AMENDMENT IS A SIMPLE ONE WHICH--IF NOT IGNORED BY THE GAO--WILL REQUIRE THEM TO PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION TO CONGRESS ON THEIR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE LAW BY SEPTEMBER 1, 1992. THE AMENDMENT FURTHER REQUIRES GAO TO COMPLETE AND SUBMIT THEIR FINANCIAL REVIEWS TO CONGRESS PRIOR TO ADJOURNMENT.

I BELIEVE THAT THROUGH PASSAGE OF THIS AMENDMENT, AND COMPLIANCE BY THE GAO, THE CONGRESS--AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, THE TAXPAYERS-- WILL FINALLY LEARN HOW TAX DOLLARS ARE BEING SPENT.

AND I ADMIT TAKING A SPECIAL INTEREST IN FINALLY SHEDDING SOME LIGHT ON JUST HOW MR. WALSH AND HIS MINIONS HAVE WASTED MILLIONS IN THEIR ENDLESS WITCH HUNT.

LET ME JUST CLOSE BY SAYING THAT I RESPECT THE G.A.O., AND LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THEM TO ENSURE THAT AN ERROR OF THIS MAGNITUDE DOES NOT OCCUR AGAIN.

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WEINBERGER INDICTMENT

FOR THE PAST FIVE AND A HALF YEARS, MR. WALSH HAS WASTED A FORTUNE IN TAXPAYER DOLLARS IN A DESPERATE ATTEMPT TO VALIDATE HIS WITCH HUNT.

AND WHAT HAVE THE AMERICAN TAXPAYERS RECEIVED FOR THEIR MONEY?

NOTHING, EXCEPT A BILL FROM MR. WALSH FOR \$30 OR \$50 MILLION.

YES, MR. WALSH'S CROWD BROWBEAT A FEW PEOPLE INTO GUILTY PLEAS, THREATENING TO RUIN THEM FINANCIALLY IF THEY DIDN'T ROLL OVER. BUT, WHEN IT COMES TO MAJOR CASES, MR. WALSH'S BATTING AVERAGE IS 0%.

AND WITH THE INDICTMENT OF MR. WEINBERGER, HIS CREDIBILITY IS NOW AT 0%, AS WELL. EVERYONE IN THIS TOWN KNOWS THAT MR. WEINBERGER WAS ONE OF THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION'S MOST VOCAL OPPONENTS OF IRAN-CONTRA, AND THAT HE PLAYED NO ROLE IN ITS ADVANCEMENT.

STILL, MR. WALSH AND HIS HIGHLY-PAID ASSASSINS SAW MR. WEINBERGER AS A WAY TO GET AT THEIR ULTIMATE TARGET--PRESIDENT REAGAN. THEY THREATENED MR. WEINBERGER THAT UNLESS HE TESTIFIED THAT PRESIDENT REAGAN VIOLATED THE LAW, THEY WOULD SEE THAT HE WAS INDICTED.

TO HIS CREDIT, MR. WEINBERGER REFUSED TO BUCKLE UNDER TO THIS BLACKMAIL.

MANY STATES HAVE LAWS WHICH STIPULATE THAT IF SOMEONE BRINGS A FRIVOLOUS LAW SUIT, THEN THEY HAVE TO PAY THE COURT COSTS OF ALL PARTIES INVOLVED. WHEN IT COMES TO THE WALSH INVESTIGATION, FRIVOLOUS SOUNDS JUST ABOUT RIGHT. SO PERHAPS IT'S HIGH TIME FOR THE TAXPAYERS TO HAND HIM A BILL FOR A CHANGE. IT'S TIME TO CLOSE DOWN, MR. WALSH.

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IRAN/CONTRA

DOLE AGAIN CALLS FOR END TO WALSH'S
LAVISH \$30 MILLION TAXPAYER FUNDED PROBE;
WALSH'S FAILED INVESTIGATION FIT FOR OLIVER STONE, NOT UNCLE SAM

FOR SEVERAL YEARS NOW, I HAVE BEEN SUGGESTING THAT THE TIME HAS COME FOR SPECIAL PROSECUTOR LAWRENCE WALSH TO SHUT DOWN HIS COSTLY, LAVISH, AND UNNECESSARY IRAN-CONTRA INVESTIGATION.

AND EVERY TIME I MAKE THIS SUGGESTION, I HAVE HIGH HOPES IT WILL BE THE LAST TIME I DO SO. I HAVE HIGH HOPES THAT MR. WALSH WILL FINALLY FACE FACTS: THAT AFTER FIVE-AND-A-HALF YEARS, AFTER BILLING THE TAX PAYERS MORE THAN 30 MILLION DOLLARS, ENOUGH IS ENOUGH.

EACH TIME, HOWEVER, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE BEEN DISAPPOINTED. BECAUSE EACH TIME, MR. WALSH STUMBLES UPON SOME OTHER BLIND ALLEY IN WHICH TO STEER HIS INVESTIGATION, AND THE BILL TO THE TAXPAYERS JUST KEEPS GETTING BIGGER AND BIGGER AND BIGGER.

MORE BLIND ALLEYS, MORE & MORE TAX DOLLARS

THE LATEST BLIND ALLEY WERE THE UNETHICAL TACTICS DESIGNED TO INTIMIDATE FORMER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, CASPAR WEINBERGER.

MR. WALSH'S AGENTS TOLD MR. WEINBERGER THAT UNLESS HE TESTIFIED THAT PRESIDENT REAGAN WAS INVOLVED IN VIOLATIONS OF THE LAW DURING IRAN-CONTRA, THEY WOULD SEE THAT SECRETARY WEINBERGER WAS INDICTED BY THE GRAND JURY.

IF MR. WALSH'S HIT MEN HAD DONE THEIR HOMEWORK, THEY WOULD HAVE DISCOVERED THAT MR. WEINBERGER WAS ONE OF THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION'S MOST VOCAL OPPONENTS OF IRAN-CONTRA, AND THAT HE PLAYED NO ROLE IN IT.

TO MR. WEINBERGER'S CREDIT, HE AND HIS ATTORNEYS WOULD NOT BUCKLE IN TO THE SPECIAL PROSECUTOR'S BLACKMAIL.

RONALD REAGAN: THE TARGET AT ALL COSTS

I DO NOT BLAME MR. WALSH FOR THE FACT THAT HIS INVESTIGATION HAS ENDED IN FAILURE. HE WARNED CONGRESS THAT IF THEY PROVIDED IMMUNITY TO COLONEL NORTH AND ADMIRAL POINDEXTER, THEN ANY SUCCESSFUL CRIMINAL PROSECUTION WOULD BE DIFFICULT.

WHAT I DO BLAME MR. WALSH FOR IS TURNING THIS INVESTIGATION INTO THE "EVER READY RABBIT"...IT JUST KEEPS GOING AND GOING AND GOING.

AND RECENT NEWS ARTICLES HAVE SUGGESTED THAT IT WILL KEEP ON GOING, BECAUSE MR. WALSH HAS HIS SIGHTS SET ON INDICTING FORMER PRESIDENT REAGAN, NO MATTER HOW MUCH IT COSTS THE TAXPAYERS, AND APPARENTLY, NO MATTER HOW UGLY THE TACTICS.

PERHAPS HE SEES THIS AS THE ONLY WAY IN WHICH HE COULD JUSTIFY THE MASSIVE EXPENSES HE HAS RACKED UP IN HIS CUSHY WASHINGTON, D.C. OFFICE.

SINCE MR. WALSH BEGAN HIS INVESTIGATION, THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION HAS LEFT OFFICE, THE AYATOLLAH KHOMEINI HAS DIED, THE SANDANISTAS WERE VOTED OUT OF OFFICE, AND THE CONTRAS DISBANDED.

WALSH: THE NEW OLIVER STONE

AS THE WASHINGTON TIMES POINTED OUT IN A RECENT EDITORIAL, "TO CONTINUE MR. WALSH'S OPERATION BEYOND THOSE EVENTS WAS RATHER LIKE RESUMING THE INVESTIGATION OF THE TEAPOT DOME SCANDAL OF THE 1920'S..."

LET'S FACE IT, LAWRENCE WALSH'S FAILED INVESTIGATION IS FIT FOR OLIVER STONE, NOT UNCLE SAM. IF MR. WALSH WANTS THE FINAL WORD IN THIS CASE, HE SHOULD TAKE HIS WACKY THEORIES TO MR. STONE, AND THE TWO OF THEM CAN SPEND THEIR OWN MONEY -- AND NOT THE TAXPAYER'S MONEY -- ON MAKING A MOVIE.

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WALSH INVESTIGATION

PART-TIME PROSECUTOR KEEPS SPENDING & SPENDING & SPENDING; CLOSING LAVISH IRAN/CONTRA OPERATION WOULD BE REAL TAX RELIEF

NINE MONTHS AGO THIS WEEK, I SENT A LETTER TO THEN-ATTORNEY GENERAL DICK THORBURGH, SUGGESTING THAT THE TIME HAD COME TO CLOSE DOWN THE OFFICE OF IRAN-CONTRA INDEPENDENT COUNSEL LAWRENCE WALSH.

GIVEN THE FACT THAT THE COURTS WERE OVERTURNING THE CONVICTIONS AND THROWING OUT THE INDICTMENTS WON BY MR. WALSH, I CONCLUDED THAT THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT COULD DO A MUCH BETTER JOB, AT A GREATLY REDUCED COST.

TODAY, MR. WALSH, LIKE THE EVER-READY RABBIT IN TELEVISION COMMERCIALS, JUST KEEPS ON GOING, AND GOING, AND GOING. AND HE KEEPS ON SPENDING AND SPENDING AND SPENDING TAX DOLLARS ON A CASE THAT IS GOING ABSOLUTELY NOWHERE.

TODAY, DESPITE THE FACT THAT NEARLY A YEAR AND A HALF AGO, MR. WALSH, HIMSELF, SAID THAT THE END OF HIS INVESTIGATION WAS NEAR, THERE IS NO SIGN THAT MR. WALSH WILL PULL THE PLUG ON HIS EXERCISE IN FUTILITY.

IN FACT, IN A STORY IN MONDAY'S WASHINGTON TIMES, MR. WALSH IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT WHEN IT COMES TO HIS INVESTIGATION, "IT'S PERFECTLY CLEAR WE'RE TALKING (ABOUT) A LONG TIME. MONTHS, NOT WEEKS."

PROLIFIC PROSECUTOR

THE ARTICLE ALSO REVEALED THAT MR. WALSH HAS NOW TURNED OVER THE DAY-TO-DAY OPERATION OF THE INVESTIGATION TO HIS DEPUTY, AND REMAINS IN OKLAHOMA THREE WEEKS OUT OF FOUR, WORKING ON HIS BOOK ON THE INVESTIGATION.

AND WHILE MR. WALSH FIDDLES WITH HIS BOOK, HIS INVESTIGATION -- HOUSED IN SOME OF THE MOST EXPENSIVE WASHINGTON, D.C. OFFICES -- CONTINUES TO BURN TAX DOLLARS.

MR. WALSH HIMSELF, ADMITS, THAT THE INVESTIGATION HAS COST AT LEAST THIRTY MILLION DOLLARS. OTHERS PUT THE PRICE TAG MUCH HIGHER--PERHAPS AS MUCH AS \$100 MILLION WHEN YOU INCLUDE COSTS TO THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT, THE FEDERAL COURTS, THE CIA AND OTHER AGENCIES.

COSTLY DEFENSE

AND WHILE MR. WALSH MAY HAVE THE LUXURY OF AN UNLIMITED BUDGET, THOSE WHOM HE IS INVESTIGATING DO NOT. THE WASHINGTON TIMES ALSO REPORTED THAT JOE FERNANDEZ, A CIA OFFICER, WHO WAS THE SUBJECT OF MR. WALSH'S INVESTIGATION SPENT NEARLY \$2 MILLION TO DEFEND HIMSELF AGAINST CHARGES THAT WERE EVENTUALLY DROPPED.

RICHARD SECORD COULDN'T AFFORD HIS ATTORNEYS ANYMORE, AFTER HIS LEGAL BILLS WENT OVER THE \$1.2 MILLION MARK, SO HE OPTED TO PLEAD GUILTY TO A CHARGE OF MAKING A FALSE STATEMENT TO CONGRESS. HIS PENALTY? PROBATION AND A \$50 FINE.

THE FIRST STEP TO REAL TAX RELIEF

WHAT WAS OBVIOUS NINE MONTHS AGO IS MORE OBVIOUS NOW. THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT CAN DO THE MOP-UP WORK NEEDED TO FINISH THIS INVESTIGATION.

I, FOR ONE, THINK THAT MR. WALSH SHOULD NOW HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK FULL-TIME ON HIS MEMOIRS. AND IF WE ARE SERIOUS ABOUT TAX RELIEF, CLOSING THE DOORS OF MR. WALSH'S LUXURIOUS MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR TAXPAYER-FUNDED OPERATION WOULD BE A GOOD FIRST STEP.

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WALSH--IRAN/CONTRA

POINDEXTER CONVICTIONS OVERTURNED; DOLE RENEWS CALL TO CLOSE UP WALSH'S TAXPAYER-FUNDED IRAN/CONTRA OUTFIT

LAWRENCE WALSH'S BUNGLING IRAN/CONTRA OPERATION HAS STRUCK OUT AGAIN. UNFORTUNATELY, THE AMERICAN TAXPAYERS CONTINUE TO BE THE REAL LOSERS, WATCHING THEIR TAX DOLLARS GOING DOWN THE DRAIN TO MAINTAIN MR. WALSH'S EXERCISE IN FUTILITY.

CLOSING THE DOORS ON THIS LAVISH \$50 MILLION WASTE WOULD BE THE 'NOVEMBER SURPRISE' THE AMERICAN TAXPAYERS HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR. IT SEEMS TO ME THE PROFESSIONAL LAWYERS AT THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT COULD TAKE IT FROM HERE, AND SAVE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE PRECIOUS TAX DOLLARS.

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WALSH/IRAN-CONTRA

NORTH CHARGES DROPPED; NEXT STEP -- SHUT DOWN MULTI-MILLION
DOLLAR TAXPAYER-FUNDED WALSH IRAN-CONTRA INVESTIGATION, DOLE SAYS

IT'S NO SECRET THAT I'VE BEEN VERY CRITICAL OF MR. WALSH'S INVESTIGATION FOR SOME TIME, SO, IN FAIRNESS, I DO WANT TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON MAKING THE RIGHT DECISION IN DROPPING CHARGES AGAINST COLONEL NORTH. UNFORTUNATELY FOR COLONEL NORTH, THIS DECISION WAS MADE ONLY AFTER YEARS OF HARASSMENT AND MILLIONS OF DOLLARS OF LEGAL FEES.

I THINK THE NEXT DECISION IS OBVIOUS. IT'S TIME TO CLOSE THE DOORS ON THE INVESTIGATION ONCE AND FOR ALL. FOR NEARLY FIVE YEARS, MR. WALSH AND HIS ARMY OF ATTORNEYS AND INVESTIGATORS HAVE RUN UP A FIFTY MILLION DOLLAR BILL, OPERATING OUT OF SOME OF WASHINGTON'S D.C.'S MOST EXCLUSIVE OFFICE SPACE.

WHAT HAVE AMERICAN TAXPAYERS RECEIVED FOR THEIR FIFTY MILLION DOLLARS? A LOT OF PRESS RELEASES. A LOT OF RUMOR AND INNUENDO. BUT LITTLE IN TERMS OF JUSTICE. EVERY CONVICTION WON BY MR. WALSH HAS BEEN OVERTURNED, OR IS LIKELY TO BE OVERTURNED.

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WALSH/IRAN-CONTRA

DOLE: TIME TO CLOSE LAVISH TAXPAYER-FUNDED
WALSH IRAN-CONTRA OPERATION;
LETTER TO THORNBURGH CALLS FOR OFFICIAL SHUTDOWN

It used to be said that the only certainties in life were death and taxes. I think we can now add the Iran-Contra investigation to that list. Since December 19, 1986, the Iran-Contra investigation led by Independent Counsel Lawrence Walsh has grinded on and on.

Each and every workday, Mr. Walsh and his staff report to work at their lavish suite of offices in one of Washington's most expensive buildings. Each and every workday, they continue to add to their thirty-to-fifty million dollar bill, payable by United States taxpayers.

I've remained quiet on this issue. I've refrained from criticizing the pace of the investigation. But yesterday's Supreme Court decision upholding the reversal of Oliver North's conviction, and Mr. Walsh's announcement that he intends to move forward, leads me to say that enough is enough. It's time that Mr. Walsh and his staff do the taxpayers a favor by closing their investigation, and removing themselves from the government payroll.

Mr. Walsh, himself, hinted as much back in September 1990, when he said that this spring might be a good time to shut down operations, "absent any new indictments."

Spring has come and gone. There are no new indictments. It is now time for history, and not the courts, to be the final judge of the Iran-Contra affair.

When Congress created the Office of Independent Counsel it also created two methods for closing up shop. The first is at the instigation of the Independent Counsel. Despite Mr. Walsh's statement of last September that this spring might be a good time to shut down operations, there is no sign that this is forthcoming.

The second method allows the court, upon the request of the Attorney General, to terminate the office on the ground that all actions "have been completed or so substantially completed that it would be appropriate for the Department of Justice to complete such investigations and prosecutions."

Today, I am sending a letter to Attorney General Thornburgh, asking him to request the court to do just that. I am confident that the Justice Department can perform the few remaining tasks of the Independent Counsel just as competently and at a much reduced cost to the taxpayers.

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