

DECLARATION OF DAVID R. MEISWINKLE

1. My name is David R. Meiswinkle. I reside in New Jersey. I am an attorney and former police officer.

2. I am the President and Executive Director of the non-profit organization Lawyers' Committee for 9/11 Inquiry, Inc. (Lawyers' Committee), which is an original plaintiff in this action. The Lawyers' Committee is a non-profit organization, incorporated in Pennsylvania. Its official address is 426 River Mill Road Ext., Jersey Shore, PA 17740.

3. The mission of the Lawyers' Committee is to promote transparency and accountability regarding the tragic events of September 11, 2001 (9/11). The Lawyers' Committee believes that the family members of the victims of the tragic crimes of 9/11 have a compelling right to know the full truth of what happened to their loved ones on 9/11, and that Congress and the Department of Justice, in order to do their jobs, have a compelling need to know.

4. The Lawyers' Committee has a special interest in the United States Attorney reporting the evidence submitted in their Amended Petition to a special federal grand jury. Examination of this evidence by a special grand jury would promote both of the primary goals in the Lawyers' Committee's non-profit mission: transparency and accountability regarding the tragic events of 9/11. A special grand jury has the power not only to investigate and indict, which if exercised would promote the goal of accountability, but also to issue public reports regarding any government malfeasance discovered during the investigation, which would promote the goal of transparency.

5. On April 10, 2018, the Lawyers' Committee delivered to the Office of the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York their fifty-four page "Petition To Report

Federal Crimes Concerning 9/11 To Special Grand Jury or in the Alternative to Grand Jury Pursuant to the United States Constitution and 18 U.S.C. § 3332(a)” (hereafter “Petition”) along with the extensive scientific and eye-witness testimony exhibits referenced in the Petition, as well as a cover letter. In the Petition and cover letter the Lawyers’ Committee requested that the United States Attorney present the information in the Petition concerning alleged federal crimes to a federal special grand jury pursuant to the United States Attorney’s duty to do so under 18 U.S.C. § 3332(a).

6. As noted in the Petition, the City of New York has issued over 2,700 death certificates related to the attacks on the World Trade Center on 9/11. In addition to the murder of over 2,000 innocent civilians, hundreds of First Responders were also murdered on 9/11 while selflessly attempting to save others. Many more First Responders have died subsequent to 9/11 as a result of their exposure to toxic and corrosive air contaminants at Ground Zero while participating in heroic rescue and recovery work. A number of FBI agents have also been reported to have died as a result of such exposures. Plaintiffs’ original Petition (and later submitted Amended Petition) presented to the United States Attorney for presentation to a federal grand jury extensive evidence heretofore ignored by federal authorities that the World Trade Center (WTC) Twin Towers (WTC1 and WTC2) and the Salomon Brothers Building a.k.a. WTC Building 7 (WTC7) collapsed on 9/11 due to the detonation of pre-planted explosives and/or incendiaries.

7. On July 30, 2018, the Lawyers’ Committee delivered to the Office of the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York their fifty-eight page “First Amended Petition To Report Federal Crimes Concerning 9/11 To Special Grand Jury or in the Alternative to Grand Jury Pursuant to the United States Constitution and 18 U.S.C. § 3332(A)” (hereafter

“Amended Petition”) and incorporated by reference in that Amended Petition the extensive scientific and eye-witness testimony exhibits referenced in the original Petition that had already been submitted to the United States Attorney’s Office on April 10, 2018. A cover letter was also submitted with the Amended Petition. In the Amended Petition and cover letter, the Lawyers’ Committee requested that the United States Attorney present the information in the Amended Petition concerning alleged federal crimes to a federal special grand jury pursuant to the United States Attorney’s duty to do so under 18 U.S.C. § 3332(a). The primary change in the Amended Petition as compared to the original Petition is that three additional federal crimes were added to the crimes being alleged in the Amended Petition.

8. The Office of the United States Attorney did confirm receipt of the Lawyers’ Committee’s original Petition. Plaintiffs’ representatives did obtain a copy of the Amended Petition stamped with the United States Attorney’s Office security stamp when they hand delivered the Amended Petition to the United States Attorney’s Office on July 30, 2018. Subsequently, on November 7, 2018, the U.S. Attorney’s Office sent the Lawyers’ Committee a letter stating that the U.S. Attorney would comply with 18 U.S.C. § 3332(a). This letter was signed by Assistant U.S. Attorney (AUSA) Michael Ferrara, Chief of the Terrorism and International Narcotics Unit at the Office of the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York. See attached. No details regarding what actions the U.S. Attorney would take were provided.

9. The Plaintiffs have not received any further written communications from the Office of the United States Attorney or the Department of Justice. The Executive Director for the Lawyers’ Committee David Meiswinkle, along with the Lawyers’ Committee Litigation Director Mick Harrison, did communicate with AUSA Ferrara by telephone in June of 2019 and asked

AUSA Ferrara if he could provide the status of the U.S. Attorney's action on the Lawyers' Committee's Petition and Amended Petition. AUSA Ferrara stated that, because of the secrecy requirements of Fed. R. Crim. P. 6(e), he could not provide any information beyond the letter previously provided by the AUSA stating that the U.S. Attorney would comply with 18 U.S.C. § 3332(a). The Plaintiffs thus have no concrete evidence that the Defendants have actually provided their Petition, Amended Petition, the exhibits to these petitions, or the Plaintiffs' names and contact information to a federal special grand jury as required by 18 U.S.C. § 3332(a).

10. On August 30, 2019, the Lawyers' Committee filed an application for a reward with the U.S. State Department and the FBI under the State Department's Rewards for Justice Program. This State Department program offers and pays rewards to citizens who report information that leads to the arrest or conviction of persons who committed or aided the commission of terrorist acts or crimes. As part of its application to this State Department rewards program, the Lawyers' Committee submitted the Amended Petition evidence and information it had previously submitted to the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3332(a). This evidence thoroughly addresses the fact that three WTC buildings were destroyed by use of explosives and incendiaries on 9/11.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. Section 1746, I, David R. Meiswinkle, hereby swear, under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing statements are true and correct to the best of my information and belief.

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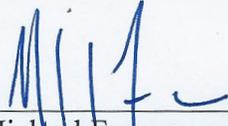
Dear Mr. Harrison:

We have received and reviewed The Lawyers' Committee for 9/11 Inquiry, Inc.'s submissions of April 10 and July 30, 2018. We will comply with the provisions of 18 U.S.C. § 3332 as they relate to your submissions.

Very truly yours,

GEOFFREY S. BERMAN
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