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**RE: INFORMATION AND REQUEST FOR GRAND JURY INVESTIGATION**

Dear Mayor Verner:

This is a letter of information and request for a grand jury investigation.

I believe Spokane Police Chief Anne Kirkpatrick is currently in violation of both the Municipal Code of the City of Spokane and the Revised Code of Washington concerning her handling of the investigation into the April 8, 2006, death of Jo Ellen Savage in the River Park Square garage. The evidence suggests to me that corruption on the part of the Cowles family, owners of the River Park Square garage and various Spokane officials who deceptively assisted them in using public money to redevelop their garage, contributed to Ms. Savage's death. I believe that the multiple deceptions involved may well constitute criminal acts requiring specific examination as they apply to Ms. Savage's death and not just as possible instances of financial fraud. The evidence also suggests to me that Chief Kirkpatrick's course of action with the Savage case is motivated by her desire to cover up the public corruption in order to avoid the political consequences of a confrontation with the powerful Cowles family. This letter sets forth my reasons for making these serious charges.

**YOUR LIABILITY**

This is a long and complicated letter, but to immediately introduce you to the importance of my request, I ask that before you proceed reading this "information and request for grand jury investigation," you familiarize yourself with the Revised Code of Washington 9A.76.050, "Rendering criminal assistance."

On December 12, 2007, and February 25, 2008, I sent you certified letters requesting specific actions and responses from you. Both of these letters involved allegations of criminal activity within your jurisdiction. You have not responded to either of those letters. The crux of my letters to you involved lying, violations of mandates and the cover-up of a recklessly caused death by city officials. If, as I suspect, the statute of limitations is allowed to expire regarding my First Degree Manslaughter complaint, it will have expired with your full knowledge and support. Also, if my complaint is dismissed by the FBI, without a full and transparent investigation, which I also suspect may happen, it will be obvious why Chief Kirkpatrick ignored the primary remedy (RCW Chapter 10.27) for a public corruption investigation and turned it over to them.

As the strong mayor of Spokane, the chief executive officer of the second-largest city in Washington State, is it not your responsibility to ensure that both you and the police chief obey and enforce the law as

provided by both state statute and municipal code? The public trust placed in you gives you an ethical and moral mandate for holding both yourself and the police chief accountable. Under statute, as I detail below, you also owe a legal duty to the public in this regard. For that reason, this letter culminates with my request that you immediately contact the city attorney and initiate a state grand jury to investigate Ms. Savage's death and accompanying corruption.

## **THE DEATH**

On April 8, 2006, Jo Ellen Savage, a visitor from Pullman, Washington, drove under a sign that said, "Welcome to River Park Square." She was entering a mall redevelopment that was a public/private partnership between the city and the Cowles family. When her car inadvertently bumped a spandrel in the parking garage, with so little force that an eyewitness said he didn't expect her bumper would suffer even a minor dent, the spandrel gave way and Savage's car plunged five stories to the ramp below. Savage suffered an avoidable and excruciating death.

During August of 2007, while researching the RPS controversy for a Spokane history book project, I became aware of the clandestine and preventable circumstances surrounding this death. I studied the news article "Death by Parking" on the web site <[www.girlfromhotsprings.com](http://www.girlfromhotsprings.com),> and began to look into the matter. I found overwhelming published evidence and probable cause to believe the crime of First Degree Manslaughter had been committed. Evidence points to willful and wanton disregard for the public's safety by Jim Cowles and Betsy Cowles, owners of the River Park Square garage, and specific city officials. Many facts surrounding this crime were obscured by the local news media. And the incident, to the best of my knowledge to this date, has not been investigated by any law enforcement agency.

## **MY REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION**

I was aware the county prosecutor had already arbitrarily and suspiciously declined to convene a grand jury following a former city councilman's request almost two years ago. But I now had knowledge that compelled me to action. Therefore, on August 18, 2007, I filed a complaint with both the police chief and county sheriff requesting a felony investigation for Manslaughter in the First Degree – a Class A felony.

Chief Kirkpatrick was able to immediately recognize probable cause to believe that a felony crime had been committed. But she improperly passed the case to the FBI. In doing that, she wrongly asked a federal law enforcement agency to do the job municipal code and state law requires of her. While the acceptance of Chief Kirkpatrick's referral by FBI Agent Frank Harrill effectively corroborated my and Chief Kirkpatrick's conclusion that the evidence merited an investigation, it also subverted the law.

## **CHIEF KIRKPATRICK'S DECISION**

I am enclosing a copy of a January 11, 2008, letter I wrote to Chief Kirkpatrick. That letter and her e-mail response explain her reasoning in turning this matter over to the FBI.

Among other questions in that letter, I asked the chief the following: 1) Has she been in contact with the FBI agent assigned to this case? 2) Does she know when the statute of limitations expires for this specific case? 3) Has FBI Agent Harrill ever conducted an investigation for First Degree Manslaughter, or conducted any type of investigation involving crimes listed in the Revised Code of Washington? And 4) What exactly is Chief Kirkpatrick's conflict of interest that resulted in her handing the case to the FBI?

Chief Kirkpatrick responded with an e-mail stating, among other things, the following (underlined for my emphasis):

When I received your complaint a few months ago, I reviewed it and learned that the heart of your complaint was that of government corruption. In other words, it was a “but for” the allegation of government corruption the death of Ms. Savage would not have occurred. Government corruption is the primary jurisdiction of the FBI.

I did not consult with the City Attorney, or anyone for that matter. I simply picked up the phone, I called Special Agent Harrill, I reviewed the nature of your complaint with him over the phone. Agent Harrill agreed to take the case and he picked up the packet the same day. Therefore, this case belongs to the FBI. . . . So to give you fair notice, I will not be responding to any further inquiries.”

I was surprised to learn Chief Kirkpatrick “did not consult with the city attorney, or anyone for that matter.” I believe she erred in not seeking appropriate legal advice, because my complaint involved a serious corruption allegation against city officials, a conflict of interest for the FBI, and probable cause for a Class A felony against two members of one of Spokane’s wealthiest and most powerful families. Further, my complaint was jointly addressed to Spokane County Sheriff Ozzie Knezovich. While Chief Kirkpatrick claims to have not consulted anyone about my letter, that contradicts what Sheriff Knezovich told me. Sheriff Knezovich informed me that Chief Kirkpatrick did discuss my letter with him. This inconsistency damages my confidence in Chief Kirkpatrick’s candor. My discomfort with her conduct regarding the Savage death is increased by a recent public statement she made. “We, all of us in leadership, hold the officers accountable to be up to date in the law.”

Had the chief checked with her legal counsel, she should have learned that under the Revised Code of Washington there is a specific remedy and jurisdiction for government corruption in the city of Spokane. It isn’t the FBI. Chief Kirkpatrick, in other words, appears not to be “up to date in the law” herself. Thus, she seems to be imposing accountability on her subordinates that she does not apply to herself. Everyone in law enforcement knows just how disastrous such hypocrisy is to the professionalism of a police force, and, ultimately, to public safety.

When you add to this misfeasance, the critical involvement of James A. McDevitt, the U.S. Attorney for Eastern Washington, in the RPS scandal it further undermines the decision of Chief Kirkpatrick to refer the investigation of Ms. Savage’s death to the FBI. (See “McDevitt’s Fingerprints,” “Indictments Sought,” “Jim McDevitt’s Non-Disclosure,” “McDevitt v. Ethics Rules” at <[www.camasmagazine.com](http://www.camasmagazine.com)>.)

## **THE FBI’S RESPONSE**

As you can see, it’s been almost eight months since the FBI accepted this case. Agent Harrill has since that time violated a well-established law enforcement protocol in criminal investigations by failing to contact me. I am the complainant in this matter. Typically, it should have been the first step in this case, to contact the complainant. Not only has Agent Harrill failed to do that, he has failed to respond to a letter that I wrote to him about this investigation at Sheriff Knezovich’s recommendation. I followed the sheriff’s suggestion and my December 27, 2007, certified letter to Agent Harrill (attached) asked the following questions:

1) Are you actually conducting a serious investigation into the manslaughter complaint I filed with

the chief and sheriff almost five months ago? The reason I ask that question is, to this date, I am unaware of any contacts made with any of the witnesses I provided, nor have I been contacted by the FBI. Having spent over 25 years in law enforcement, I find that unusual relative to a felony investigation.

2) To this date have you contacted any of the witnesses to which I provided names?

3) Have you personally ever conducted a First Degree Manslaughter investigation and, to the best of your knowledge, how long should this type of investigation take to complete?

Why would Agent Harrill tell the sheriff to have me contact him, as Sheriff Knezovich told me he did, and then, when I did write him, not respond? The apparent reason would be if he were unable to adequately answer my questions.

I have information that as of February 1, 2008, Agent Harrill has not contacted a major witness—former City of Spokane real estate manager Dennis Beringer—whose name I provided him. This troubles me deeply. Mr. Beringer, a highly respected city official with 18 years service, says he was present at volatile staff meetings where former assistant city manager Nick Dragisich, another highly respected official, informed staff that former city manager Bill Pupo had told him that RPS developer Betsy Cowles told him that the remodeled RPS garage was not to be inspected. This allegation clearly suggests the role that public corruption, and Cowles family influence over Spokane’s municipal government, might have played in Ms. Savage’s death. (For more information, and documentation, please see the article “Death by Parking” at <[www.girlfromhotsprings.com](http://www.girlfromhotsprings.com).>)

Based on the public document you will find linked in “Death by Parking,” there are at least 14 (whose names I provided to Harrill) eyewitnesses to be interviewed concerning the allegation that Betsy Cowles was able to order city inspectors off her garage. I doubt that Agent Harrill has contacted any of these witnesses yet. Were he actually conducting the investigation Chief Kirkpatrick referred to him, his first step should have been to contact me as the complainant. Based on Mr. Beringer’s published allegations, Agent Harrill should have contacted him long ago.

Beyond that, to date I do not know of any type of work product from Agent Harrill toward this investigation. I’m very familiar with the duties and types of assignments the FBI handles as, during my tenure as an elected sheriff, I assisted the FBI on numerous occasions involving a number of high-profile federal cases. In consideration of both Agent Harrill and Chief Kirkpatrick’s failure to respond to my questions, it appears even if “government corruption were the primary jurisdiction of the FBI,” Agent Harrill may not have any experience investigating this type of a crime.

Moreover, Chief Kirkpatrick also refuses to respond to any of my questions, stating: “I will not be responding to any further inquiries.” This concerns me, as she has publicly expressed the importance of transparency in law enforcement.

### **SPOKANE’S POLITICAL CLIMATE** (Underlined for my emphasis)

I am left with the uncomfortable impression that the county prosecutor, Spokane police chief and FBI, and now you, are all dodging your legal and ethical duties, presumably because of political considerations.

The Cowles family, with their media clout as owners of the daily newspaper, *KHQ-TV*, the *Journal of Business* and other publications, has openly established a pattern of unethical vindictiveness toward those

who challenge their activities. Most recently, this pattern of practice has taken the form of slanderous attacks by the *Spokesman-Review* editor Steve Smith on the staff of *Camas Magazine*. In his newspaper blog, Mr. Smith has repeatedly referred to *Camas* staffers in such disparaging terms as “wackaloons” and “conspiracy theorists.” This concerns me. Both the *Camas* and *Girl From Hotsprings* web sites are important sources of information for me, both for the history book I am now researching and my call for a First Degree Manslaughter investigation into Ms. Savage’s death. On two occasions, I have in writing, asked Mr. Smith, editor of the *Spokesman-Review*, if he can acquaint me with any documented errors in *Camas*’s multiple-national-award-winning reporting. He has not responded to my requests.

I’m sure Chief Kirkpatrick is aware of her own vulnerability if she were to confront the well-documented power of this family. The Cowleses sued four elected members of government in Spokane for what amounted to those officials’ attempts to expose River Park Square irregularities that were systematically covered up by Cowles media. Your predecessor, Mayor John Talbott (one of those city officials who was sued), was twice branded a “civic terrorist” by The *Spokesman-Review* for what proved to be his well-founded concerns about the effectively uncollateralized loan of \$23 million of the city’s HUD money to the Cowles family to redevelop River Park Square.

I trust you are aware that, in many documented instances, the cover-up of the RPS scandal by Cowles media resulted from the direct actions of RPS president and Cowles Publishing chairwoman Betsy Cowles herself. (At <[www.camasmagazine.com](http://www.camasmagazine.com)>, see, among other articles, “*Breaking the News*,” “*Betsy’s Choice*,” and “*Under the Influence*.”) These and other examples of Ms. Cowles’s activities raise serious concerns about whether she actually used her powerful media as an instrument of the RPS fraud.

I have similar concerns about whether the *Spokesman-Review* is also being used to cover up the truth about the implication of Cowles officials in Ms. Savage’s death. I provided Mr. Smith with the transcript of a tape-recorded interview Mr. Beringer gave to *Camas* co-publisher Larry Shook regarding the allegations that Betsy Cowles ordered the city not to inspect the RPS garage. (Mr. Shook provided me with this documentation of these remarkable charges upon my request.) To the best of my knowledge, there has been no *Spokesman-Review* reporting about Mr. Beringer’s evidence.

Since August 18, 2007, I have documented a pattern of nonfeasance, malfeasance and misfeasance by numerous public officials in what appears a deliberate attempt to let the statute of limitations run out on Ms. Savage’s death. I believe this is a politically motivated effort to protect Jim Cowles, Betsy Cowles and specific public officials from criminal prosecution.

Moreover, Mayor Verner, I know from the contact you made with me prior to your election, and from correspondence you sent me at that time, that you are fully aware of the unwholesome influence of what you referred to as “the powers that be” in Spokane. Your knowledge of Spokane’s political reality, and your current legal authority and responsibility, impose upon you what I consider to be an historic duty and opportunity. I am sympathetic to the difficulties of your challenges. With this letter I mean to simultaneously support you and call upon you to fulfill the mandate of your position.

If you have not yet studied the Internal Revenue Service’s June 22, 2004, 27-page report on the RPS bonds, I request you do so as part of your due diligence in response to this letter. I was shocked by the report’s language. Among other things, on page 17, was this assertion:

It is clear from the facts of this case, the developer had, and continues to have, a particular relationship with the City of Spokane and the Issuer/Foundation such that it was in a position to control or influence its activities.

(The “Issuer/Foundation” was the organization created by the Cowles family to sell the RPS garage bonds on the city’s behalf.) I interpret this as nothing less than a charge of public corruption by the IRS.

**WHY ASSIGN TO THE FBI?** (Underlined for my emphasis)

The specific crime in my complaint involves overwhelming evidence and probable cause relating to the commission of a Class A felony (RCW 9A.32.060), and it involves some public corruption at a local level. Based on the overall elements and circumstances of the crime, I have been unable to find anywhere in the Revised Code of Washington, or any other mandate, support for the chief’s decision to turn this case over to the FBI. However, RCW Chapter 10.27 is the legal remedy and venue for combating corruption in Washington State. Or, if the chief believed she had a conflict, under the established provisions in both state and municipal mandates, she should have turned the investigation over to the county sheriff, and if the sheriff felt he had a conflict, he would turn it over to the state patrol.

Contrary to what the police chief stated to me, in response to my letter to her of January 11, 2008, government corruption is not the primary jurisdiction of the FBI. It is among the FBI’s publicly stated top ten investigative priorities, but government corruption in Spokane, Washington, is not their primary jurisdiction. Under these circumstances, it’s hard not to ask why, if not motivated by political self-interest, Chief Kirkpatrick would compromise the welfare of her community by assigning this case to an agency whose capacity to investigate the alleged crime appears to be far less than a grand jury, her own department, the county sheriff or Washington State Patrol.

Why, in other words, would the chief ignore the Washington State mandate (RCW10.27) specifically provided to serve law enforcement in combating crime and corruption? If she was not familiar with the grand jury statute, why did she arbitrarily bypass three duly empowered state law enforcement agencies and turn her duties over to a federal agency that is itself compromised in the matter of the Savage death? Why did she not ask for legal advise?

**COMPROMISED FEDERAL AGENCY** (Underlined for my emphasis)

The FBI’s professional reputation is currently facing an historic integrity crisis. I have extensive and personal knowledge involving representatives for both the U. S. Attorney General and FBI not responding to legal mandates and letting the statutes of limitations run out on crimes that should have been aggressively prosecuted. (It should be noted that almost two years have passed since the Zehm investigation was turned over to the FBI by the chief and they still haven’t completed it. I will provide numerous other similar instances of this type upon request.)

Chief Kirkpatrick has passed my complaint to the only institution in America (the federal government) with complete political sovereignty — an entity that does not answer to the public. And the FBI is apparently taking no action to investigate this case.

The FBI itself has a conflict of interest as it answers to the Justice Department, which is headed in Eastern Washington by James A. McDevitt. The U.S. Attorney for Eastern Washington, McDevitt played an important role in the RPS public/private partnership. (See exhibits 802 through 807 in the federal RPS securities case, which include McDevitt’s billing records while at Preston Gates and Ellis, where he was involved in the RPS garage bond sale.)

## **THE LAW** (Underlined for my emphasis)

Beyond the compromised position of the FBI, and beyond the strong evidence of Spokane public corruption, are the straightforward provisions of the law:

1) Under the **Revised Code of Washington**, there is a specific remedy and jurisdiction for government corruption. That remedy is contained in RCW Chapter 10.27 – Grand Juries – Criminal Investigations. This statute was enacted “on behalf of the people of Washington for the purpose of combating crime and corruption.” That statute provides: “A grand jury shall be summoned by the court, where the public interest so demands, whenever in its opinion there is sufficient evidence of criminal activity or corruption within the county or whenever so requested by a public attorney, corporation council or city attorney upon showing of good cause.”

2) According to the **City of Spokane Municipal Code**, Chapter 3.01, “Administrative and Executive Organization” Article VII. Uniformed Public Safety Section, 3.01.720 Police, Section A: “The police department is the primary law enforcement agency of the city with investigative, arrest and incidental powers over violations of federal, state and municipal laws, both criminal and traffic.”

3) Section C of that same code also states: “Specifically, but without limitations, members of the police department have the duty and the power to investigate and arrest in connection with suspected violations of any law of the city, the State of Washington or the United States . . .”

4) The **Revised Code of Washington** powerfully supports the Spokane City Municipal Code, as attested to in RCW 42.20.100, which states, “Whenever any duty is enjoined by law upon any public officer or other person holding public trust or employment, their willful neglect to perform such duty, except where otherwise specially provided for, shall be a misdemeanor.” (RCW Title 10.27, is the “otherwise specially provided for”).

5) RCW 42.20.100 is also repeated and applied to Spokane’s municipal code in Title 10, Section 10.07.134: “Whenever any duty is enjoined by law upon any public officer or other person holding any public trust or employment, their willful neglect to perform such duty, except where otherwise specially provided for, shall be a misdemeanor.” (Again, RCW Title 10.27, is the “otherwise specially provided for”).

6) Even if RCW title 42.20.100 did not exist, consider that my original letter of request to the chief and sheriff was for an investigation for the crime of First Degree Manslaughter (RCW 9A.32.060). This specific crime is cognizable exclusively under Washington State criminal jurisdiction and, as such, should be investigated by the jurisdiction in which the crime took place, or, if a legitimate conflict of interest exists, these types of investigations are typically referred to the sheriff, who is the chief law enforcement officer in the county, or to the Washington State Patrol, which also has jurisdiction and experience regarding investigations and the enforcement of Washington State laws.

## **MY BACKGROUND**

I spent more than twenty-five years in law enforcement, including more than twelve years as the elected sheriff of Pend Oreille County. During my tenure, I made literally thousands of physical arrests and prepared cases that consistently withstood the scrutiny of the legal system. I have a history of demonstrating the experience and expertise to recognize probable cause and the elements of crimes as they apply to the Revised Code of Washington. In my opinion, this specific manslaughter case is replete with probable

cause and overwhelming evidence. In my view, it is one of the most repugnant violations of the public trust I have ever encountered during my entire career.

Retired from law enforcement and now writing and publishing history books, I did not wish to re-enter the fray of the law. However, my newly gained knowledge concerning Ms. Savage's needless death, and the ensuing oppression of justice by those entrusted with the public's safety, have ethically compelled me to take action, especially in light of my law enforcement background what appears to be a current and ongoing cover-up.

## **MY CONCLUSION**

I allege the Cowles family control of the City of Spokane was at work when the developer instructed the city not to inspect the garage prior to its reopening. (See "*Death by Parking*" at [www.girlfromhotsprings.com](http://www.girlfromhotsprings.com).) This is the very control found by the IRS. (See "*Fraudville*" at [www.camasmagazine.com](http://www.camasmagazine.com).) The willful, wanton disregard by Jim Cowles and Betsy Cowles of a known public safety hazard in their garage appears to have contributed directly to Ms. Savage's death. The abdication by city officials of their responsibility to inspect the garage may have also been a contributing factor.

## **REQUEST FOR ACTION** (Underlined for my emphasis)

I have, in the course of my correspondence to you and various public figures and officeholders, made a record of probable cause for the summoning of a grand jury. Each of my letters to various public officials contains, and has consistently added, more evidence of protectionism of the Cowles family and corruption within our city government.

Considering the evidence I have presented in this letter and other correspondence I have furnished you, at this time, a failure to call for a grand jury investigation will be a blatant miscarriage of justice. For any public servant to impede equal justice for all, presents a double standard, official misconduct and misfeasance of their office. The subject of my complaint, Jo Savage, died as the result of a willful, wanton disregard of a known and ignored public danger. The suspects clearly knew of this substantial risk to the public's safety as early as 1993, when engineer Richard Atwood warned them to correct the very problem that caused her death, which they ignored. In 1996 they were again warned of this same problem in the Walker Condition Assessment report, which they ignored. In 2003, they again were warned, for the third time, of this same problem in the Jacobson & Associates, Inc. report, which scathingly condemned the condition of the garage, and strongly accentuated the fact that recommendations in the Walker report had not been followed and needed immediate attention. The suspects also ignored this warning. As a point of law, the suspects were responsible to correct these conditions, yet willfully, chose to disregard all warnings at the continuous danger to the public.

The motive: The suspects were in the process of selling the garage and transferring its liability and costs of repair to the city in what later proved to be a self-serving and donative effort by city officials to allow the public to be taken advantage of. This scheme ended up placing the city in debt for millions of dollars with no capital asset in return to the city.)

The most powerful evidence of the city's donative effort that glaringly exists today is the Beringer report and the fact that the parking garage the city agreed to purchase from the Cowles for some \$29 million

was valued at only \$3.4 million, according to testimony in Judge Edward F. Shea's court on February 23, 2005. (Note, the \$29 million figure includes the excessive land rent the city agreed to pay to the Cowles family. That overpayment caused the IRS to call the transaction a "rigged casino.") However, according to the Spokane County Assessors office, as of March 13, 2008, the RPS parking garage is assessed at only \$10,682,800, approximately a third of what our city officials were agreeing purchase it from the Cowles.

If this investigation continues to go ignored, if the total facts and probable cause are not confronted with the highest of integrity, or if an investigation is conducted in an illegal or improper manner, or as it appears, an investigation is never conducted, that inaction or possible deceptive action will be cause for substantive criminal action against those responsible for allowing that to happen. In the history of Spokane, there has never been a case more perfectly fitted for a grand jury. Public interest demands this action be taken. As the strong mayor of Spokane, the responsibility and jurisdiction are yours.

Further, the intent of the Washington State law is so powerful in its process of confronting public corruption it has also included a number of alternative means toward that objective, one of which is the following: "Washington State Court Rules – Criminal Rules for Courts of Limited Jurisdiction, CrRLJ 2.1, Section C" makes it possible for citizens to initiate criminal actions against corrupt public officials. Consequently, besides a citizen's moral obligation to oppose public corruption, there is a legal means to obtain justice against those who betray that trust. I am strongly committed to the pursuit of justice and the exposure of this public/private corruption and subsequent cover-up, especially in light of what appears to be its continuation by various current public officials.

Because of what I consider a preponderance of evidence suggesting probable cause to suspect that a Class A Felony was committed in Ms. Savage's death, compounded by evidence of government corruption, I request that you carefully study this letter, all my enclosures, and share this information with the city council and your legal counsel, and, in conclusion, instruct your legal counsel to immediately initiate the summons process for a grand jury investigation as authorized per RCW 10.27.

Because of the short amount of time remaining in the statute of limitations, I respectfully request that you respond to this letter by April 18, 2008. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Tony Bamonte

(Five enclosures)

**Note:** In this letter you will notice a number of references to the *Camas* magazine web site. On December 12, 2007, I wrote you a letter (to which you still have not responded) that included 19 pieces of correspondence I generated to various representatives of the *Spokesman-Review*, including Publisher Stacey Cowles and Editor Steven Smith. I also requested you share that letter and my attachments with the entire city council and Chief Kirkpatrick. These letters corroborate my attempts to give both the publisher and editor of the *Spokesman-Review* the opportunity to respond to any untruthful allegations they believed may have occurred in the *Camas* writings. They have never responded.

I have researched and investigated the majority of Shook and Conner's writings and have found them to be highly credible, well researched and, most importantly, substantiated by documentation.