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January 23, 2013

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Re: Murray Cohen Death Investigation & Private Investigative Report

Dear Mr. Brodsky:

Please be advised that I am an attorney assisting the family of Murray Cohen in connection with his death which occurred on January 13, 2003. For the past several years I have communicated with the Sarasota Sheriff's Office and other state agencies in an effort to obtain justice on behalf of the Cohen family. In that regard, I have advocated extensively for Mr. Cohen's son, Steve Esdale. Steve has a long and acrimonious relationship with the Sarasota Sheriff's Office and other agencies as a result of the injustices thoroughly documented in the attached report.

Please note that we have retained James M. Casey to conduct a very extensive analysis of all facts and evidence currently known in connection with this matter. I have attached his detailed report to this correspondence to you, together with copies for your colleagues. The report was completed by Mr. Casey, whose credentials are exceptional. Mr. Casey spent 25 years with the FBI. He served as Director of Intelligence under President Bush's National Security Council. He retired recently as the Special Agent in charge of the FBI Jacksonville field office where he directed approximately 250 agents, analysts and task force officers. As you will see, he has conducted an independent and **objective** analysis of the evidence on this case. I would strongly encourage that you read this report **before** communicating with the Sarasota Sheriff's Office, as it does demonstrate substantial unprofessionalism and wrongdoing by leadership in that agency.

In the past, neither the Sarasota Sheriff's Office nor the FDLE would accept my factual analysis or proposals. I now bring you a well documented and objective factual report from Mr. Casey, which demonstrates probable cause that Murray Cohen was, in fact, murdered.

We would request that either a grand jury be convened and/or a coroner's inquest conducted.

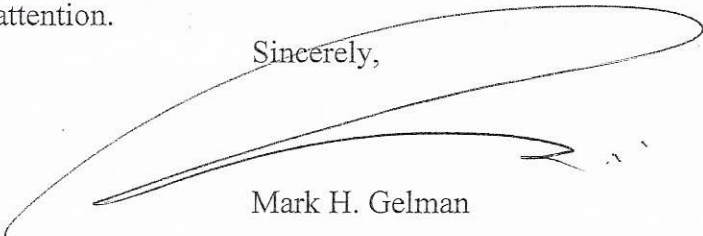
Once you have the opportunity to analyze these materials with your team, please give me a call with your thoughts and perspectives.

State Attorney Ed Brodsky  
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Thank you for your kind attention.

Sincerely,



Mark H. Gelman

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