

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

Alexandria Division

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
)
 v.) CRIMINAL NO. 01-188-A
)
ROBERT PHILIP HANSSSEN,)
)
 Defendant.)

SUBMISSION RELATED TO PARAGRAPH 21 OF THE PLEA AGREEMENT

In compliance with the terms of the Plea Agreement, the Government hereby files a Certification acknowledging Bernadette Hanssen’s full cooperation in connection with the investigation and prosecution of Robert Philip Hanssen. In support of this Certification, the Government states as follows:

1. Paragraph 21 of the Plea Agreement provides as follows:

The Government represents that, as of the present time, the defendant’s wife, Bernadette Hanssen, has been fully cooperative. If, in the Government’s opinion and discretion, Bernadette Hanssen continues to be fully cooperative up to and including the date of sentencing, the United States commits that it will invoke at the time of sentencing the provisions of 5 U.S.C. Section 8318(e) to provide Bernadette Hanssen the equivalent of a survivor’s annuity.

2. The Government has contacted each of the entities who debriefed or interviewed Mrs. Hanssen, namely the FBI, the Hanssen Damage Assessment Team (“HDAT”) and the Inspector General of the Department of Justice. (The Webster Commission did not interview Mrs. Hanssen.) They have advised us of the following:

a. **FBI:** According to a letter signed by David W. Szady, Assistant Director, the FBI found Mrs. Hanssen to be fully cooperative: "The FBI has also had numerous contacts with Bernadette Hanssen. Mrs. Hanssen has been cooperative in meeting with personnel from WFO, and has been forthright in providing information when requested. As of the date of this communication, Bernadette Hanssen continues to be fully cooperative with the FBI."

b. **HDAT:** The HDAT is an interagency task force created at the direction of the Director of Central Intelligence for the purpose of assessing the damage caused by Hanssen. According to a letter signed by Paul Redmond, HDAT's chief, HDAT also found Mrs. Hanssen to be fully cooperative: "[Mrs. Hanssen] has met with our psychological evaluation team on two occasions to discuss various aspects of her husband's psychological makeup and disposition. We found her to be fully cooperative and forthcoming and appreciate her assistance in our effort."

c. **Inspector General:** According to IG Glenn Fine, the IG concluded as follows: "Bonnie Hanssen has answered the Office of Inspector General's questions and, based on the evidence available to us now, we cannot state that she has been untruthful in answering those questions."

Thus, both the FBI and HDAT found Mrs. Hanssen to be fully cooperative and the IG's own assessment is not inconsistent with that conclusion.

WHEREFORE, the Government respectfully submits the Certification contemplated by Paragraph 21 of the Plea Agreement.

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