David Walsh

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Sent: 12 June 2004 17:55
Subject: Re: Highly Confidential

David,

Please forward this to Emma so that she and I can get connected.

Thanks,

Prentice

>Prentice,
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> If it can be worked, it's a brilliant idea. Emma is totally in favour, as
> her evidence is going to be in the public domain anyway.
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> Will be touch,
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> David

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>From: "Prentice Steffen" <pdssfca@earthlink.net>
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> David,

I should let you know that I've spoken with a lawyer. I assure you
he is by law held to strict confidentiality. Let me explain what
I've discussed with him.

In 1986 the US government passed what is commonly referred to as "the
Whistleblower Statute". It is properly called "Qui Tam" legislation.
This law encourages individuals to denounce companies who defraud the
US government. This law came as a result of a scandal involving
defense contractors who were collecting 500$ for a hammer and 1000$
for a toilet seat (or something like that).

As you've seen, in Italy they prosecute doping cases under "sporting
fraud" law. Now in Spain they're looking to use laws relating to the
"public health". Well it may be that the Whistleblower Statute may
be the one to bring down LA.
I'm contending that LA et al have defrauded the US government out of
60 million dollars. That's what I understand USPS has paid in total
over the years. The fraud involves the use of doping to obtain the
race results to then obtain the sponsorship contract.

The potential financial upside to this undertaking and whomever may
join me in it is considerable:

- 60,000,000 Total paid by USPS to LA, et al
- 180,000,000 Potential fine (3 times fraud amount)
- 54,000,000 30% is the average awarded to the whistleblower(s)
- 32,400,000 Less the 40% the attorneys keep as their contingency fee

Would Emma be interested in participating in this suit? I need
"direct and independent" testimony. Mine is limited. Hers is
better. Perhaps there are others who'd be interested in this.

As LA et al have done all this for money, it would be nice to see
them suffer monetarily for their unscrupulous acts.

The next step is for the attorney to investigate and assess the case.
If he thinks it has merit, he files it with the US Department of
Justice. They then investigate and file charges on behalf of the US
government.

I'll be interested to know what you think about this and whether you
may agree to contact Emma about this. I recall that you mentioned
she was interested in finding a way for her story to involve a pay
day. Time is critical as only the first person(s) to file such a
suit are eligible for the reward.

Best wishes,

Prentice

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