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Hon. Eric H. Holder
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U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Attorney General Holder:

I am writing in regard to my client, Ms. Sibel D. Edmonds, a former contract language specialist employed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

In accordance with 28 C.F.R. § 17.18 and the First Amendment of the United States Constitution, we hereby request that you clear the attached manuscript for publication within 30 working days.

Please be advised that my client has informed me that *nothing* in this manuscript is classified. Additionally, nothing in the manuscript is "Sensitive Compartmented Information or other classified information" as defined in § 1718(a). Consequently, we request that the material be cleared in its entirety.

Should your office disagree with Ms. Edmonds' assessment, please "black out" the sections you believe are classified, and return the entire manuscript to my office.

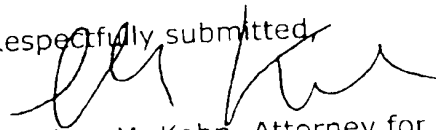
If my office does not receive the approved version within 30 business days, we will publish the manuscript as-is. Please be advised that any delay in the review of this manuscript would violate the First Amendment of the United States Constitution. For your information, the audience for this manuscript is worldwide.

Any delay in the publication of this document will cause irreparable harm both to Ms. Edmonds, but also to the United States. As you may recall, Ms. Edmonds is a whistleblower whose case has received considerable national attention. She was awarded the PEN/Newman Award for Freedom of Speech in 2006. If you need additional information on her case, please review the public report published by the U.S. Department of Justice on her allegations. This report is published on the Department of Justice home page.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. As a matter of law, rule and regulation, your review must be completed on or before June 9, 2011.

If you have any questions please contact me by email or at 202.342.6980 or Lindsey Williams at 202.342.1903. You may contact me by email at sk@kkc.com or smk@whistleblowers.org.

Respectfully submitted,



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