



U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Professional Responsibility

Washington, D.C. 20530

October 23, 2000

Lawrence Benedict

Dear Mr. Benedict:

You wrote to this Office on August 7 and September 18, 2000, alleging misconduct by an Assistant United States Attorney in connection with a pending federal prosecution of you in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of New York. You alleged, among other things, that an Assistant United States Attorney suborned perjury before the grand jury, committed discovery violations, and made misrepresentations to the court.

This Office reviews allegations that attorneys of the Department of Justice have engaged in professional misconduct. It is, however, the policy of this Office, absent a finding of misconduct by the court or other extraordinary circumstances not present here, not to review matters while they are pending before the court.

Thank you for your cooperation and for bringing this matter to the attention of the Department of Justice.

Sincerely,

Margaret S. McCarty

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