

To the Honorable Richard Burr

In re ~~my~~ my previous letter, I just sent this to Richard Burr.

29 April 2020

Dear Senator Burr,

Thank you very much for finding information for me regarding the disappearance of outgoing legal mail. I have enclosed photocopies to help you remember that event more easily.

I now write you asking for intervention and assistance with the current incoming mail practices at the Petersburg Low facility. A fellow prisoner by the name of [REDACTED] whose last name I do not know and cannot ascertain, due to the lock-down in response to COVID-19 told me he had managed to persuade you to make contact with BOP director Kathleen Sawyer regarding this matter. Of course she has since been ousted and replaced, and I know nothing about what has since transpired.

I have enclosed a rejection slip for something from MIM distributors. They used to publish a newspaper called Under Lock & Key. This was the only newspaper that did anything with my 2017 press release about my actual innocence and wrongful conviction under a misapplied or unconstitutional statute, though I sent the press release to over forty newspapers. The last I heard, they were ceasing ULK in order to produce a larger monthly newspaper with another group jointly. I have requested a subscription to the new paper and have been waiting for some time. I have no way of telling what this refused delivery was, but it may well

have been (1) the promised newspaper, (2) correspondence about a subscription, or (3) correspondence about further stories I have sent them or the legal references on censorship of publications I worked on. I therefore consider this a serious breach of my right to access of the press, protected by BOP policy, and their right to reach me, protected by the First Amendment to the constitution.

The warden has claimed this new policy exists to prevent the importation of drugs. This is belied by the fact that returned mail originally sent out by prisoners is treated in exactly the same way. I sent, as I do weekly, my diary entries to the Prisoner Express Journal Project. Possibly due to COVID-19, they were returned as undeliverable. There is no possibility they had been in hands other than the USPS since I sent them until they were returned to the prison. Yet they opened the mail and scanned the contents, providing me with only printouts.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

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