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Inspector General
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Dear Sir:

I am writing to request that you conduct an inquiry into an incident in early May 1998 in which an individual in CIA Headquarters apparently slandered both a serving CIA officer and myself, a former CIA officer.

On Friday, 8 May 1998, Dr. Ron Pandolfi of the CIA called to tell me that Toffler Associates was sponsoring a symposium called "The Future of Space -- Protection of Emerging Space Assets" at the headquarters of the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) on 25-26 June 1998. Prior to that call, Maj. General John Landry, the National Intelligence Officer for General Purpose Forces to whom Dr. Pandolfi is currently assigned, had given him an unclassified brochure describing the symposium and requested a suggestion for an invited speaker. Dr. Pandolfi suggested me, and Gen. Landry agreed but, after the NIO for Science, Technology and Non-Proliferation, Dr. Larry Gershwin, told him that my participation would be unwelcome by the NRO, Gen. Landry decided not to pursue the matter.

In the 8 May call Dr. Pandolfi noted that Gen. Landry would not be inviting me to give a talk. As the topic of the symposium was of great interest to me, and, though I might not be invited to give a presentation, I nonetheless wished to attend, I then sent an e-mail note to Toffler Associates describing the work I have done and my publications on the subject of satellite vulnerability, and asked if it would be possible to receive registration materials.

On the morning of Monday, 11 May 1998, a US Government employee visited the offices of Gen. Landry to complain that Dr. Pandolfi had informed me of the existence of the symposium. Gen. Landry pointed out that the symposium was to be unclassified and the brochure announcing it was also unclassified. The individual then claimed that Dr. Pandolfi and I had been seen recently in the Pentagon discussing certain highly classified matters with people uncleared for the programs involved. I had initially been informed that this individual was a representative of the National Reconnaissance Office, but was subsequently told that he or she was not an NRO employee.

The information concerning the meeting allegedly showed that I was an irresponsible person and should not be allowed to attend the unclassified symposium. When Gen. Landry asked when the meeting occurred, what people had received the classified information, and who had reported it, the individual declined to answer, saying these were only "informal allegations." Since I have not been in Washington since the first week of August, 1997, nor in the Pentagon since 1995, it is difficult to understand how the allegation could be true. Its vagueness prevents detailed rebuttal for dates prior to 1995, but I do not know of any meeting I, Dr. Pandolfi present or not, ever participated in that would correspond to the allegation.

After discussing these allegations with Gen. Landry, Dr. Pandolfi sent me a note in which he expressed an intent to send a memorandum to the director of security of the CIA's Directorate of Intelligence requesting an investigation into the accusation that he, in my company, had improperly discussed sensitive matters with uncleared people. I sent a reply saying that I would be willing to participate in such an investigation. Dr. Pandolfi subsequently informed me that he sent the memorandum to DI Security on Monday, 18 May 1998. As of this date and to my knowledge, nothing has come of Dr. Pandolfi's request.

I consider these events to be outrageous, and request that you conduct an investigation to determine the facts of the present matter, to include the identity of the person making the allegation and his or her organizational affiliation. Should individuals not under your present purview be found to be involved, I trust that you will notify the Inspectors General of the relevant organizations or, if indicated, the Justice Department.

In the event that the allegations of improper disclosure of information injurious to the national security of the United States are found to be groundless, please provide Dr. Pandolfi and me with letters so stating.

Please inform me as to your decision as to whether or not to conduct an investigation at your earliest convenience, preferably by 1 August 1998.

Sincerely,

Allen Thomson

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