

**David Walsh**

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**To:** "David Walsh" <davidjwalsh@dial.pipex.com>  
**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

>----- Original Message -----

>From: "Prentice Steffen" <pdssfca@earthlink.net>  
>To: "David Walsh" <davidjwalsh@dial.pipex.com>  
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>> David,

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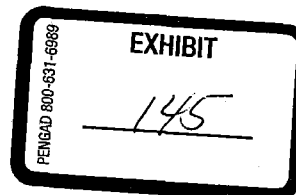
>> I should let you know that I've spoken with a lawyer. I assure you  
>> he is by law held to strict confidentiality. Let me explain what  
>> I've discussed with him.

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>> 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).

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>> 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.



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>> 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.

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

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>> 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

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

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

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>> 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.

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>> 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.

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>> Best wishes,

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>> Prentice