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Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

I have been a Federal Air Marshal (FAM) assigned to the Las Vegas Field Office (LASFO) since March 2002.

I am emailing to you because Robert MacLean says you can be trusted, and that you will be able to protect me if I suffer retaliation for sending you this information. I do not have much confidence in the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) - Office of Inspections nor the Department of Homeland Security Inspector General.

I have been wanting to file an affidavit in Robert MacLean's termination case, but I have been reluctant given my concern of retaliation. There is a history here at the Federal Air Marshal Service (FAMS) of retaliation against whistleblowers and anyone who cooperates with them.

I was assigned to the LASFO Operations Branch when pertinent actions concerning Robert Maclean's case were done. However, based on the retaliatory actions this office and agency have become infamous, I feel that talking about what I know will put my job in jeopardy along with my prospects for employment in another agency.

Pending a medical clearance approval, I am very close to leaving the FAMS LASFO for my dream position: A Criminal Investigator / Special Agent (Series 1811) with [REDACTED]. I am concerned that my cooperation with Robert MacLean's case will jeopardize this application. The mere fact that I have been trying to leave the agency has been enough for the Special Agent in Charge to create a hostile environment for me; I can only image how much worse it will get if/when he learns that I have contacted your office.

Additionally, after reading the judges finding in Mr. Maclean's case regarding Security Sensitive Information (SSI) material, I'm unsure how to get you the pertinent information I have. As Mr. Maclean's attorney has stated information that was not originally classified as SSI was after the fact deemed SSI. So I am in a quagmire, provide you with the information I know; that is pertinent to Mr. Maclean's case, but violate the SSI disclaimer and face the wrath of the TSA which could include civil penalties or further actions. The pertinent information I have is in regards to the mission briefings which were specifically addressed by the MSPB, and available on their web site (Issued July 22,2009). My knowledge of these incidents is first hand, as I was intimately involved in key aspects within the LASFO Operations Branch during late July 2003. I specifically remember these incidents since they were mandatory and individually given and never happened before or after.

As a former Naval Officer, I was always taught and trained to do the right thing. However, I am the father of two young boys ages [REDACTED], and a husband who takes care of his family. Giving you the information is the right thing, but in doing so I could be taking the food out of my children's mouth. I am willing to testify if needed in this matter, because it is the right thing to do. However, I need to know that in giving you the information I will be protected from any possible retaliation.

Regards,

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