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Dear Mr. Diuguid,

I have just read your article in the Kansas City Star dated Wednesday, Mar 3, 2004 where you said "Government secrecy grows, and so does our suspicion" regarding the 911 problem facing "the lawsuit Ellen Mariani filed under the 1970 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act against President Bush and other White House officials".

The problem of secrecy and cover up extends deep, far, and wide regarding our national security problem... much deeper, much farther, and much wider than most people think. Unfortunately, most people seem to be unwilling to speak open, honest truth for a variety of reasons and we here in Lea County New Mexico are not strangers to censorship and the suppression of the truth.

When I say that secrecy and cover up extends much deeper, much farther, and much wider than most people think I am referring to the international intrigue involving the international corporations and the IMF/World Bank which most people know very little about.

At first glance there might not seem to be any connection between the 911 problem facing the lawsuit Ellen Mariani filed against President Bush and other White House officials, and the international corporations and IMF/World Bank much less a connection to the "tiny little problem" we are facing with Louisiana Energy Service (LES) trying to build a uranium enrichment plant here in Lea County New Mexico but I would urge you to follow this trail.

Here in Lea County New Mexico there is massive secrecy and cover up regarding the URENCO involvement in the spread of gas centrifuge uranium enrichment technology to Iraq, Pakistan, Iran, Libya and North Korea which extends deep, far, and wide regarding nuclear proliferation and our national security problem behind which is a financial and economic system that feeds on money, power and greed.

What does the attempt by LES to build a uranium enrichment facility in Lea County New Mexico have to do with the IMF/World Bank and the 911 problem facing the lawsuit Ellen Mariani filed against President Bush and other White House officials? Well, the whole story is far too long to discuss in this short letter to you. I can only urge you to keep digging. I will be happy to assist you in any way I can.

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America's Heartland Gets a Whiff of Bush's 9-11 Cover Up  
Secrecy Sullies Bush Presidency  
by Lewis W. Diuguid, Kansas City Star Editor  
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Some recent events showed how President Bush's silence amid many pressing questions has only caused suspicion about his administration to grow.

An extreme case is the lawsuit Ellen Mariani filed under the 1970 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act against President Bush and other White House officials. Mariani's retired husband, Neil Mariani, died Sept. 11, 2001, on United Airlines Flight 175 when it crashed into the World Trade Center.

Mariani and her lawyer, Philip J. Berg, last month told a packed Unity Temple on the Plaza that they wanted to know why the Bush administration allowed the terrorist attacks to happen. Mariani said she has been stonewalled in her search for why her husband of 13 years died, as did thousands of others.

He was on his way to her daughter's wedding. "I don't have time to grieve, and I haven't grieved yet," said Mariani, 65, of Derry, N.H.

"But I wasn't born yesterday. I've got determination that we will get to the bottom of this."

She said that she is living on Social Security and that she declined to apply for money from the federal Victims Compensation Fund for those families who agree not to sue for damages. Her lawsuit seeks to uncover the truth about Sept. 11.

The truth has remained hidden. None of the earlier investigations has had gavel-to-gavel television coverage or unfettered access to all of the information available. The current federal commission examining the attacks also has been hampered.

Such tactics produce more public suspicion and mistrust of government.

"There is corruption going on here," Mariani said. "We're being lied to. They disrespected all of us as a family.

"I said, 'Neil, you'll never be forgotten.' They don't know who they're messing with."

Berg, a deputy attorney general of Pennsylvania from 1972 to 1980, added: "This lawsuit is for everyone in this country who wants truth and justice. Together we can defeat what's going on."

The loss of civil liberties and the Bush administration's continuing secrecy threaten our republic. "We feel that there is a mob in the White House," Berg said.

Congress also has been "gutless" as a constitutional check against executive branch abuses. "We are going to do everything in our power to uncover the truth of 9-11," Berg said. "This is so important."

The crowd at last Sunday's peace rally near the Country Club Plaza felt the same way. People are right to question how U.S. intelligence didn't prevent the Sept. 11 attacks and why Afghanistan and Iraq have been key aims of the endless wars against terrorism.

The war in Iraq was the focus at Avila University, where a crowd on Feb. 19 watched the documentary, "Uncovered: The Whole Truth About the Iraq War." The film showed U.S. intelligence and other officials explaining that there was no justification for the war in Iraq and for the deaths and injuries of American troops and Iraqi civilians.

The Bush administration bamboozled the American public by linking the terrorist attacks with Iraqi President Saddam Hussein and saying he had weapons of mass destruction when none existed.

What was striking in the darkness as the film flickered was the audience's laughter during some serious footage. People chuckled when news clips played of Bush, Vice President Dick Cheney, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld or National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice speaking emphatically of "smoking guns," "mushroom clouds" and "chemical and biological weapons."

"Our people will find the truth," Bush said. "And the truth is we have good intelligence."

The audience was right. It is ludicrous now. But the growing number of grim anniversaries since Bush took office is no laughing matter. This month we'll commemorate the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq.

Meanwhile, the truth behind the increasing national state of sadness remains hidden. The misinformation continues. Government secrecy grows, and so does our suspicion.

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