

August 14, 2012

President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Attention: Office of Chief Counsel

Subject: Special Counsel Carolyn Lerner of the U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC) no longer merits your confidence, her failure to do her lawful duty precludes you from doing yours - and contributes to America remaining at unnecessarily increased risk of a nuclear 9/11 or other catastrophe.

Dear Mr. President,

In the past 3 and a half years, I have tried literally a dozen different ways, primarily within the Department of Energy, to obtain a resolution of my contentions of “broken covenant” of the Civil Service Reform Act of 1978 (CSRA). At this point, I assign at least some blame to you, because you simply are not complying with your sworn duty, per 5 U.S.C. section 2301(c), to “take any action....necessary” to ensure people like me - career federal employees - can do our sworn duty to protect the health, safety, welfare, and security of the American people, per the merit system principles, because we are adequately protected from reprisal and other types of “prohibited personnel practices (PPPs).”¹

I think you should do two things to correct this situation: 1) direct the Office of Legal Counsel of the Department of Justice to resolve “broken covenant” concerns, and 2) remove Ms. Lerner from her position as Special Counsel, for cause, based on all the run-arounds OSC, under her direction, has given me.

I have attached my recent letter to Chairman Bernanke of the Federal Reserve.² That letter (as this) resulted from OSC’s recent letter to me, in which OSC took no exception to my well-evidenced contentions of 34 years of fundamental violations of CSRA by Chairmen and Governors of the Board of the Federal Reserve against its career employees, but did nothing but pat me on the head and tell me to go elsewhere.³

Special Counsel Lerner, in my opinion, does not have the moral courage to hold her position of

¹ See www.broken-covenant.org for extensive detail.

² See http://whsknox.blogs.com/federal_reserve/ for more detail.

³ See <http://whsknox.blogs.com/Federal-Reserve/osc-response-fed-reserve-disclosure.pdf>.

special trust and responsibility. President Obama, you nominated her to be Special Counsel, arguably the most independent federal law enforcement position in the Executive Branch. You either directed her to provide you “plausible deniability” or she is betraying your trust. Either way, America, in my opinion, is diminished and more threatened because of its too-often battered, dysfunctional, if not corrupt, federal civil service that her inactions enable.

Respectfully,

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Attachment:

OSC letter of August 8, 2012
My letter to Chairman Bernanke of August 12, 2012
blog post from http://whsknox.blogs.com/federal_reserve/

copy: Special Counsel Carolyn Lerner