



July 6, 1995

Honorable Janet Reno
Attorney General
Department of Justice
Tenth Street and Constitution Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20530

Re: Letter of Appreciation - Mark J. Krum, AUSA

Dear Ms. Reno:

We have been very pleased with the level of support that our office has uniformly received from your staff throughout the nation; however, one of your employees exceeds even this high level of performance. Such is the case with Assistant United States Attorney, Mark J. Krum, who is assigned to the United States Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Florida. Mr. Krum has been tireless in his pursuit and successful prosecution of two cases that were referred to him by our Office of Investigations. The first, United States v. James M. Claassen and D. Richard Claassen, Case No. 93-264-Cr-T-24(A) was particularly important to the FDIC as it involved fraud by an FDIC bank examiner against the Affordable Housing Program, a program run by both the FDIC and the Resolution Trust Corporation to provide residential opportunities to low and moderate income citizens.

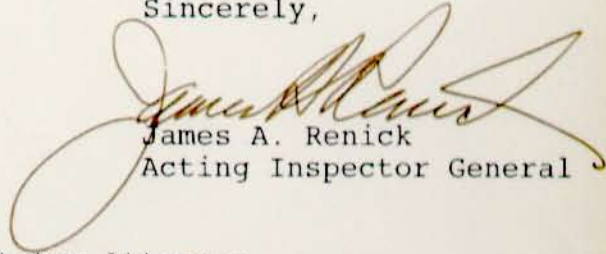
Mr. Krum not only accepted the case and successfully prosecuted it, but he diligently assembled and organized all the evidence gathered at his direction and presented it quite effectively in court. But it was more than that -- his dedication was demonstrated by his willingness not only to work as many long hours as our special agents, but even more. As one example, after the agents worked until 11:00 p.m. on Thanksgiving Eve, he allowed them to depart and continued to work by himself until 2:00 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day!

Recently Mr. Krum inherited a complicated case that we had been working for the past two years under the guidance of an AUSA who has since left the Middle District of Florida. The case, involving hundreds of thousands of dollars of fraud against the FDIC by a former property manager, has blossomed under his care.

Two principals have already signed plea agreements and others are in the offing as are pledges of cooperation by others involved in the conspiracy. We are so pleased with the results thus far that I did not want to delay any further my expression of appreciation for Mr. Krum's continued support.

In sum, Mr. Krum's support for the investigative mission of the Office of Inspector General has been superb, so much so that I felt it warranted your attention. We certainly look forward to working with him in the future, and hope that you will convey our appreciation for his hard work and generous support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in brown ink, appearing to read "James A. Renick", is written over the typed name and title. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

James A. Renick
Acting Inspector General

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