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MEETING OF 9/11 FSA OFFICERS WITH OFFICIALS OF DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

BRUCE DECELL GRANTED ACCESS TO THIS "SECURE BUILDING" USING HIS FAKE MEXICAN MATRICULA CARD FOR IDENTIFICATION

Bruce DeCell and I met with officials of the Department of Homeland Security on June 7. The meeting resulted from previous ones 9/11 FSA Joan Molinaro, Bruce and I had had with Justice Department officials. The Justice Department people contacted DHS and suggested that discussions might be useful. As a result we received a call from a public affairs officer who said DHS was very eager to speak with us, and we accepted the invitation.

At the security desk Bruce used his fake Mexican matricula card as his identification, was given a visitor's pass and admitted to the building. Our meeting took place in the DHS Ready Room, which is the room from which Department officials operate during crises, such as Hurricane Katrina.

(For those reading this account who are not familiar with matricula cards I will explain the significance of this obvious breech of security in allowing me to use it to gain entry to this "secure facility". The FBI has testified that this document should not be authorized for use in the United States because it is a totally insecure document, in that the Mexican government has no central data base and the Mexican consulates issue this photo I.D. to anyone who shows up at a consular office to pay for one. These cards enable illegal aliens to open bank accounts and to transfer money back to Mexico from the United States. Even though the FBI said such transactions facilitate terrorist activity, the President fought for the right of American banks to accept them in order that they can profit from the fees charged to transfer these billions of dollars out of the US. As is usual for Congress, George Bush (and the Clintons before him), political and economic considerations trump national security. Bruce obtained my Mexican Matricular Card by sending a photo of himself to a contact in California and who purchased it on the street for \$20.00 and mailed it to him.)

The highest ranking official appeared to be Adam Isles, "Counselor to the Secretary" of the department, Michael Chertoff. Bruce and I asked may question about the lack of integrity of the immigration system.

Because what we heard from them was so discouraging I will describe how Bruce and I concluded our conversation:

At the close of our talk we reminded them of the fact that several recipients of the 1986 amnesty had later participated in the attempt to blow up the WTC in 1993, the plot to blow up NY landmarks and shot five people outside CIA headquarters. We told them that

we have informed members of Congress that if amnesty is passed, when Americans die as a result, we will hold responsible those members who supported amnesty.

Bruce told them that in whatever effort we made to press for secure borders "the President has been our enemy."

These comments was not received with much joy on their part.

We informed them that we had absolutely zero confidence in President Bush's desire to secure our borders. I told them of a conversation I had recently had with the wife a career military officer who told me that because of Bush's open borders policies she no longer believes he invaded Iraq for the purpose of protecting our Nation.

We have no hope that we had any effect on an Administration that seems to believe it has absolute independence from the will of the people of the United States. However, we do hope that we conveyed to somebody in that community of the deaf will know that we are going to hold them publicly responsible for the Americans who die because of their policies.

Points we discussed included:

1. It has been revealed by a whistle blower, and the GAO that the system for processing LEGAL immigrants, (1 million per year) is corrupt and incompetent, resulting in many dangerous aliens becoming US citizens. How would DHS be able to process 15 million illegals all applying at one time for amnesty if it can't handle ONE million now?

We received no answer other than what amounted to "trust us."

2. They bragged that Pres Bush is committed to border security. We noted that 9/11 FSA had helped win passage of the REAL ID Act, and that this law had authorized major increases in Border Patrol and ICE agents as well as detention cells for illegals, and that the President's budget had requested ONE TENTH of that amount. Such actions as this undermined Americans' confidence in Mr. Bush's commitment to securing our borders.

3. We pointed out that the President has refused to commit any resources to making cases against employers of illegal aliens, and that this too shows his true desire to keep our borders wide open.

4. We also pointed out the head of UCIS (the agency that processes citizenship applications) has stated on several occasions that his organization is unable to handle the work load of an amnesty.

They again provided no answer.

5. They disputed that fifteen million illegals would apply for amnesty, saying that "only" seven million would apply, and that that figure was reliable because their statisticians had worked the numbers. We responded by asking if those were the same statisticians who had told America in 1986 that "only" one million illegals would apply for amnesty and then the actual number was THREE million.

They were not amused by our sarcasm.

6. We were told that the policy of "catch and release" of illegals has ended. We learned afterward that this information is not correct.

7. We asked how the "guest worker program" the President wants would ensure that the "guests" would return when their work cycle was over, they stated they "working out" the details.

8. We explained that in every state legislature and city council our members had visited, that Mexican officials had been lobbying for acceptance of their Matricula cards for laws to grant licenses to illegal aliens and the unknown terrorists among them

Since the 9/11 Commission and the FBI have stated the dangers of such practices, we asked why DHS was not reaching out to state and local officials to tell them of these facts. We

asked why it was that in every legislature or local council we had ever lobbied in, no one had any clue as to the dangers posed by these practices.

They stated that they had helped stop the New Hampshire legislature's recent plan to "opt out" of REAL ID. However, Peter Gadiel and Joan Molinaro, both of whom have been in frequent contact with NH legislators and have lobbied there in person, both say they have never been informed by any legislator that federal officials have ever contacted them. Peter's statement to them about this resulted in silence from the DHS.

We asked many questions about internal enforcement and border security and heard "party line" platitudes, all of which did little to make us feel that we are more secure today than five years ago or that there is a real commitment to securing our borders and restoring integrity to the immigration system.