



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

HARRISBURG

April 27, 1973

Colonel James D. Barger
Commissioner
Pennsylvania State Police
617 Transportation and Safety Building
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Dear Colonel Barger:

In connection with the allegations of wiretapping at the George Washington Motor Lodge, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, in November 1972, there are several matters in which this Committee is interested and in which you may be of assistance.

1. In the Prosecution Memorandum prepared on this incident by former Attorney General J. Shane Creamer (and copy furnished to this Committee by Attorney General Israel Packel), it is noted that a request was made by letter, dated December 1, 1972, from the Attorney General to the State Police Commissioner asking a number of questions and that the then State Police Commissioner furnished a "7-part answer" to this letter.

We would very much appreciate receiving a copy of the original request, along with a copy of the "7-part answer" that was supplied.

2. In view of the testimony taken by this Committee from former Colonel Urella, Lieutenant Herman Faiola, and former Lieutenant Stephen J. Luchansky in connection with the wiretapping of Harry E. Kapleau's phone to the effect that no reports were prepared concerning the investigation that was supposed to have been made, it is requested that you make available to this Committee any



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regulations of the State Police that are in existence concerning the preparation of reports on investigations.

3. In the event that your office has conducted an investigation of the wiretapping incident at the George Washington Motor Lodge since you took office in January 1973, it is requested that the results of such investigation be made available to this Committee.

It would be appreciated if a reply to this letter can be received at an early date.

Sincerely,

James R. Malley
Chief Investigator

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COLONEL JAMES D. BARGER
COMMISSIONER

30 April 1973

Mr. James R. Malley
Chief Investigator
Committee to Investigate
the Administration of Justice
Room 629 - Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

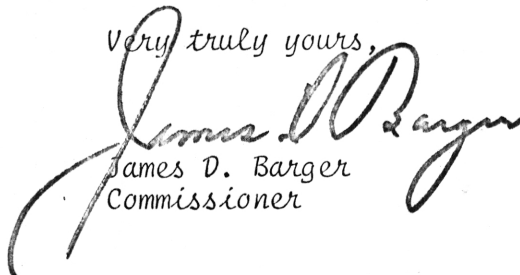
Dear Mr. Malley:

In reply to your letter of April 27, 1973, enclosed are copies of the correspondence from the Honorable J. Shane Creamer, then Attorney General, and Deputy Attorney General Walter L. Foulke to the then Commissioner Rocco P. Urella, requesting certain information relative to the wire-tapping incident at the George Washington Motor Lodge, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania.

I am also enclosing a report of the then Commissioner Rocco P. Urella, but prepared by his Administrative Secretary, in response to the requested investigation data.

In response to your third request concerning our investigation of the wiretapping incident at the George Washington Motor Lodge, kindly be advised that such an investigation was made since I took office in January 1973, but, in view of the fact that there is a possibility of criminal prosecution being brought in this case, I am unable to furnish you a copy of our report of investigation at this time.

Very truly yours,


James D. Barger
Commissioner

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OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL
HARRISBURG, PA. 17120

J. SHANE CREAMER
ATTORNEY GENERAL

December 1, 1972

Honorable Rocco P. Urella
Commissioner
Pennsylvania State Police
Room 617
Transportation & Safety Building
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Dear Commissioner Urella:

As you know, allegations have been made concerning possible unlawful wiretapping, resisting arrest, and assault with an automobile by certain members of your Internal Security Unit. These alleged unlawful activities occurred during the month of November at the George Washington Motor Lodge in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania. The victims of the alleged unlawful activity were members of the State Police assigned by you to me for purposes of assisting the Pennsylvania Crime Commission in conducting an investigation into the quality of law enforcement in Philadelphia.

Under Section 908 of the Administrative Code which provides:

"The Attorney General shall have the right of access at all times to the books and papers of any administrative department, board, or commission of the state government,"

I am hereby officially requesting that you immediately provide me with the following:

- 1) All credit card information on all vehicles which were used by the Internal Security Detail during September, October and November, 1972.
- 2) All receipts for purchases made on credit cards for the vehicles utilized by members of the Internal Security Detail during September, October and November, 1972.

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- 3) All daily reports of activities for each member of the Internal Security Detail during October and November, 1972.
- 4) A listing of all recording equipment and/or associated equipment utilized by the members of the Internal Security Detail during October and November, 1972, including sign out sheets with signatures.
- 5) One official fingerprint card for Lt. Stephen M. Luchansky.
- 6) The telephone listing for the private telephone utilized by Lt. Angelo Carcaci at the Belmont Barracks and all toll records emanating therefrom for the date of November 28, 1972.
- 7) A record of all collect telephone calls received at the office of the Commissioner, Pennsylvania State Police on November 28, 1972.

Sincerely,

J. Shane Creamer
Attorney General

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December 12, 1972

SUBJECT: Wiretapping Incident George Washington Motor Lodge
Interview of Urella on December 1, 1972

TO: File

WLF
Walter L. Foulke

On December 1, 1972, at approximately 10:00 A.M., Cpl. Todd, Sgt. Hunt and myself went to see the Commissioner in his office. I hand carried a letter from the Attorney General dated December 1, 1972, requesting further documents from the State Police in a list of seven items.

Cpl. Todd and Sgt. Hunt and myself entered the Commissioner's office and started to generally discuss the case. In contrast to his attitude of the previous day he seemed to indicate that if anyone was at fault here it was Lt. Luchansky. He also volunteered that Luchansky was in charge of the unit and that the unit reported to Major Cimakowski and occasionally to Deputy Commissioner Dussia.

I then asked the Commissioner if he could get any documents that might help us in our investigative effort and that I would wait for them. Cpl. Todd, Sgt. Hunt and myself then sat outside the Commissioner's office on a couch where we could observe the entrance to his office and the entrance to the conference room.

During the period from approximately 10:15 A.M. to 10:45 A.M. the three of us sat there and observed several members of the State Police going in and out of the Commissioner's office including Lt. Luchansky, Lt. McCann, Lt. Maiola and others whose names can be supplied by Cpl. Todd and Sgt. Hunt. At approximately 11:00 A.M. Cpl. Todd and Sgt. Hunt left to attend a meeting with the Attorney General and others. I remained. Just before Hunt and Todd left I asked the Colonel if he had managed to assemble any information yet and he lost his temper and told me "not to try to pull any of that stuff on him and that he was "cooperating."

I then returned to my seat and shortly thereafter Colonel Urella brought me various expense vouchers for different periods for several members of the State Police assigned to the Internal Security Unit. As I glanced through the documents it was apparent that they were incomplete.

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At approximately 12:00 noon, Colonel Urella invited me into his office and handed me a single typewritten sheet with items numbered one through seven corresponding to the seven items in the letter of the Attorney General dated December 1, 1972. The Commissioner then went over each item with me one by one. One of the items reflected that we had Lt. Luchansky's fingerprint card but I informed Colonel Urella that this card was not in Luchansky's personnel folder. He called someone on the telephone and verified that not every personnel folder had fingerprint cards and then in Colonel Urella's presence with the sheet of paper lying on his desk I crossed out that portion of the response that indicated I already had Lt. Luchansky's fingerprint card.

I then underlined the name Pratkano with my fountain pen and asked him if this was Kardash's undercover name. I then drew a line and noted a/k/a (also known as) Kardash. The Commissioner then told me that Luchansky had received a collect telephone call from Pratkano at 12:45 on November 28, 1972. The Commissioner informed me that the three men allegedly involved (Luchansky, Guyette, and Kardash) were trying to get a lawyer to represent them since a hearing was scheduled for that afternoon.

I thanked the Commissioner for his help and left.

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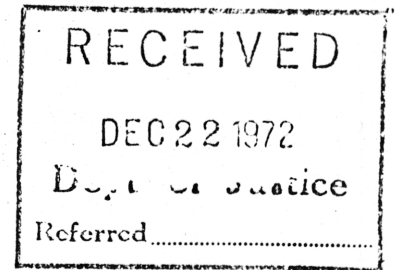
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December 22, 1972

SUBJECT: Requested Investigation Data

TO: The Honorable J. Shane Creamer
Attorney General

FROM: Rocco P. Urella, Commissioner *B.P.U.*
Pennsylvania State Police



In reply to your letter of December 19, 1972, I have checked with our Comptroller who assures me that all expense vouchers submitted by members of our Internal Security Detail have been copied and furnished your office. Arrangements were made to have Capt. Titler visit with us last Monday to meet with our Comptroller and confirm this situation with him. It is understood that he did so in company with three others. He is at liberty to check again for these expense vouchers and other information relating to the specific time periods referred to in your letter. If there are any additional submissions, Capt. Titler has been told by our Comptroller that he will be called. I have asked our Comptroller to cooperate in furnishing your staff with requested material, and I have no reason to believe that he is not doing so.

This five man detail was supervised by Major Stanley S. Cimokowski, assisted by Lts. Stephen Luchansky and Herman Faiola, from whom they usually received their assignments. Rarely did they report directly to me, except when the commissioned officers were not readily available. The table of organization clearly delineates this chain of command.

A check with Major John Vaglenski clearly indicates that no funds were advanced to this detail from confidential sources.

cc: The Hon. Milton J. Shapp
Norval Reece
Richard Doran

This was dictated over the telephone
inasmuch as the Colonel is on vacation.

Channon Robert Titler
Administrative Secretary
to Commissioner Urella

1. Travel expense vouchers attached.
2. Credit card purchases being obtained.
3. No member of the State Police submits a Daily Report of activity.
4. Major Yaglenski advises that no recording equipment was issued to the Internal Security Detail during October and November of 1972.
5. Fingerprint card of Lt. Stephen Luchansky contained in his personnel folder which is in the possession of Mr. Toulik (not in file)
6. Lt. Caracci's telephone number - Trinity 7-6469. Toll calls available at the Belmont Barracks.
7. Lt. Luchansky accepted a collect call from one Nick Pratho at approximately 12:45 P.M. on November 28, 1972.

a/k/a

Karduk

Dec. 1, 1972

Handed to Walter L. Fallon this
morning by Ch. Wells in
his office



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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

HARRISBURG

May 24, 1973

Trooper Patrick Malone
Bureau of Criminal Investigation
Pennsylvania State Police
Transportation and Safety Building
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Dear Trooper Malone:

The Committee's Chief Investigator, James R. Malley, informs me that you have contacted him and indicated that Captain Robert G. Shuck and the special prosecutor designated by the Attorney General have requested a copy of all testimony received by our Committee, including that testimony taken in executive session, relating to the King of Prussia wiretapping incident as promptly as possible.

Commissioner Barger, by letter addressed to this Committee on April 30, 1973, indicated that he could not make their files available to this Committee. Additionally, we understand that Attorney General Packel instructed Captain Shuck not to respond to a subpoena of this Committee, which had been served upon him, and to decline to appear before the Committee.

May we interpret this as a relaxation of prior attitudes?

If you would extend us the courtesy of making the request in writing over the signature of the Attorney General, I would expect the Committee would vote to honor the request.

Trooper Malone, I understand you must have made this request on direction of superiors and that you will deliver this letter to the proper channels for an immediate response. We will have the same hand-delivered today in order to expedite the matter.

Very truly yours,

H. Joseph Hepford
Chairman

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HARRISBURG

July 26, 1973

Mr. Robert J. Zinsky
Director
Fiscal Division
Pennsylvania State Police
611 Transportation and Safety Building
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Zinsky:

Your submission of July 23, 1973 to Representative H. Joseph Hepford, Chairman of the Committee to Investigate the Administration of Justice, relating to the donations of horses to the State Police Civic Association, is acknowledged.

In pursuing the Committee's interest, we found that several of the individuals listed do not seem to be found in the telephone directories for the locations supplied by you. Would you, therefore, review your records and furnish the Committee with the best available information you have as to where these donors can be reached?

It has also been observed that the horses named in your submission to the Committee have apparently been renamed. Therefore, would you furnish the names or other identification of the horses that were used at the time of the donations.

Sincerely,

JAMES R. MALLEY
Chief Investigator

JRM:rf



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July 26, 1973

Colonel James D. Barger
Commissioner
Pennsylvania State Police
617 Transportation and Safety Building
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

My dear Colonel Barger:

Representative H. Joseph Hepford has received an anonymous note which is enclosed herewith for whatever action you deem necessary, along with a newspaper clipping which the anonymous writer enclosed.

Sincerely,

JAMES R. MALLEY
Chief Investigator

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Hon. J. Hepford

Dear sir;

While you and your committee are investigating the state police, why don't you make inquiry on the use of them using state owned vehicles for their own personal use and also for the use of their family. Several state policemen live near me and a state car is always at their disposal. I work for the state myself but I do not have use of a car. I pay my taxes for gasoline why don't they ?

I can't give my name because of repercussions that may take place.

The use of these cars are not only by high rank officers, but also low rank.

This article very interesting to read.

Thank you.

**State vehicles
are unaffected
by gas shortage**

There's no sign yet, officials say, that the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania won't be able to buy enough gasoline to fuel its 11,000 vehicles.

The state's gasoline contracts with seven major suppliers expire at the beginning of September, and it will be seeking bidders on new contracts in July.

"So far there has been no flak," said Ford Thompson, director of the Bureau of Purchases, when asked about the effect here of gasoline shortages that have hit bulk buyers in other parts of the country.

About 6,000 of the state's vehicles are used by departmental and agency personnel and the remaining 5,000 are assigned to PennDOT crews and the State Police.

They used about 20 million gallons of gasoline last year, Thompson said.

What would happen if the state were unable to purchase enough gasoline? "We couldn't get along," said Peter Zirilli, director of the Automotive Bureau. "I think the federal government would step in then."