

SEPTEMBER 30, 1974

Select Committee on State
Contract Practices
House of Representatives
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Harrisburg, PA 17105

Gentlemen:

Please be advised that I am in receipt of your telegram dated August 27, 1974, and a letter of the same date advising me that your Committee has voted to request Simone Tantillo to submit to a polygraph examination concerning the matters he testified to on August 26, 1974. Mr. Tantillo advises me that he categorically and without qualification affirms all matters to which he testified on August 26, 1974.

Were the truth of the matters the only consideration, he would of course have no objection to submitting to a polygraph examination. However, national politics has recently brought to the public attention the short-comings of a system that permits individuals to subvert our broad based national institutional goals and laws to those of a lesser organization. In requesting Mr. Tantillo to submit to a polygraphic examination, it is our opinion that this committee is reacting in a parallel fashion.

You, as members of our state legislature, have in your own good judgment, refused to pass legislation recognizing such tests as have the courts refused to recognize them for any evidentiary purposes. I assume we all recognize their inaccuracy and their fluxuating results as they may pertain to any individual examinee. Yet now, for these limited purposes, you purport to be willing to recognize these same tests.

I believe and sincerely hope that if you will examine this request more closely you will find it to be neither meaningful nor purposeful for the advancement of your stated goals. It cannot serve as a part of the solution, but rather only as part of an even broader problem.

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I sincerely hope that after being reminded of your legislative purpose and placement in the governmental process as a whole, you will not abuse your public trust nor ask me to advise my client to submit to the same by the arbitrary exercise of your limited investigative power.

Sincerely,

Adam N. Aretz

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SELECT COMMITTEE ON STATE CONTRACT PRACTICES

August 27, 1974

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Re: Simone Tantillo

Dear Mr. Aretz:

Please be advised that on this date, August 27, 1974, the Committee voted to request your client, Simone Tantillo, to submit to a polygraph examination concerning the matters about which he testified on August 26, 1974.

Since Mr. Tantillo has indicated that, should he receive such a request, he would confer with you, and in view of the fact that you represent Mr. Tantillo, I respectfully request that you convey to Mr. Tantillo the desire of the Committee to have him submit to a polygraph examination. After you have discussed the matter with your client, please advise me as to Mr. Tantillo's decision. Since the Committee, as you are well aware, has an extremely heavy schedule, I would appreciate hearing from you at your earliest possible convenience.

Sincerely,


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