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Dear Inspector General

Some time ago, I wrote a letter to Trent Zimmerman my local Federal MP, asking for advice about a grievance I had regarding my treatment following two trips I made to Russia in 2005 and 2011. These trips were during my employment with Dyno Nobel Explosives and DeFAT respectively. Mr Zimmerman forwarded my letter on to Peter Dutton, Minister for Home Affairs. I have received a reply from Mr Dutton in the last few days (reference no. MC18-024241.)

Mr Dutton gave me your details and as a result, I am writing to request you to please investigate my grievance.

I attach a .pdf zipped book (Boy from Chopwell,) I wrote about my experiences, that contains all the details about what happened to me. I don't propose to go into too much detail in this letter, because everything is explained in my book.

Basically, it is my belief that I was treated in an appalling way by the British Authorities in the 1980's. As a result, I emigrated to Australia in 1988. However, it seems that I was slandered by the British, making it difficult to get employment here in Australia. When I did get employment I was regularly accused of being a communist. I have **never** been a member of any political party, including the communist party, although I have to admit I did support the Australian Republican Movement for a while last year.

Then some 'strange' things happened to my career beginning in 1998. I was given a job at ADI (now Thales) military explosives plant at Mulwala in NSW as a laboratory manager/senior chemist. I was sent to DSTO in Adelaide for training, then to Indian Heads Naval Surface Warfare Centre (NSWC) near Baltimore in the USA. I was also given training in military explosives by Paul Cooper (Lawrence Livermore Labs, NM) and John Zukas, a leading light in the US explosives industry. All apparently, **without** any security clearance either in the US or Australia.

When I left ADI, I was given a job at Dyno Nobel explosives as a Development Chemist in mining explosives in 2003. During my employment there in 2005, I was sent to Vistochny Port in the Russian Far East, north of Vladivostok. I discovered it was run by the Russian Mafia. They led me to understand that three managers at Dyno Nobel were taking bribes from them. I had to escape from Vistochny with the help of a Russian Manager from Dyno Nobel Moscow Office. When I returned to my job at Dyno Nobel in NSW, some Americans arrived from Salt Lake City in Utah who told me never to repeat what had happened to me in Vistochny. I had the distinct impression that I, an Australian Citizen had been used as a pawn by Managers at Dyno Nobel who were working for the CIA. If the Americans want to use their citizens in this way, that is their affair. But using citizens of a foreign country for their espionage tricks is, I believe a violation of UN human rights, and could potentially have placed every Australian citizen working for Dyno Nobel in a dangerous position if foreign countries believed that they are pawns of the Americans.

I was unceremoniously sacked from Dyno Nobel in 2009 and could not find a job in the explosives industry for several years afterwards. I believe that the corporate managers at Dyno Nobel were slandering my name across the industry.

I was then offered a place on DeFAT's 'Mission Europe' in 2011, when I visited Russia again to try to get work as a consultant. One visit was to a place called Kemerovo in Siberia. It became clear to me after a few hours there that members of my English family visited this place in Stalinist times in the 1930s. I was treated in a very friendly manner by the Russian authorities. When the delegation arrived in Moscow, I was taken on a separate visit by the Australian Authorities to meet two people. One was Professor Vladimir Belin, Head of the Russian Explosives Institute, a person who 'no one else in the West had ever been allowed to meet.' And secondly the Chairman of Siberian Chemicals, the largest Russian Chemical Manufacturer, who told me that 'your escape from Vistochny has gone down in legend.'

When I returned to Australia, I was given a job at Orica Explosives at Kurri Kurri Research Labs (not the job I applied for) where after three months I was blamed for a project that had been on going for four years and had failed before I even began working there. I was then unceremoniously dismissed. But the Orica manager, who had (incompetently)? been running the project for four years was promoted to a Corporate Manager position.

I complained to three Newcastle Labour Party MP's at the time: Greg Combat (under Minister for Defence), Sonia Honey and John Mills. All ignored my complaints and refused to even answer my letters.

I then found it impossible to get work again in Australia and the only job I could get was as an Engineering Manager at Chemring Military Explosives at Ardeer in Scotland in 2013/2014. I didn't do any work there. I was just invited into the manager's office each day and he discussed the things my father had told me about his time in British Military Intelligence in Italy in World War 2. The British Army then deleted my father's army record completely at the Army Historical Records Office in Glasgow. I was again unceremoniously sacked and denied any references. Again, I was told that I had had no security clearance all the time I had been working there.

When I went to publish a paperback edition of my book through 'Lime Books' at Chatswood in Sydney in 2017, at the meeting was a British Military Intelligence Officer called 'John' who basically threatened me and my family. He also told me he had worked with Australian Military Intelligence in the past. I believe he is resident in Sydney somewhere. As a result, I renounced my British Citizenship formally in January 2018. I thought, as an Australian Citizen the Government agencies were supposed to protect me from subversive people like that.

I have had no work since being sacked from Chemring in 2014. I am now relying on my wife to support me.

I strongly believe I have been treated in a way that violates my human rights and has completely destroyed my ability to earn a living. For what reason I do not know.

Thus my questions to you as Inspector General are as follows:

1. Can you please confirm that the correct procedures and protocols were followed by the Australian Security Authorities in handling my case?
2. If they were not, why not?
3. What should the correct procedures and protocols have been in dealing with me?
4. If the Australian Authorities really believed I was a communist and therefore a security threat, why did they allow me to come to Australia in the first place, give me a job in military explosives then mining explosives (all without security clearances?) Then send me to Indian Heads NSWC in the US. And then send me on two trips to Russia, the homeland of communism at the time? This seems very strange to me!

Thank you for taking time to address my issues. I hope that by pursuing this issue I can prevent any other Australian Citizens in the future being subjected to this kind of injustice.

Regards

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