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Dear Mr Zimmerman

An Issue with Freedom of Speech and Opportunity

My belief is that I have been unfairly discriminated against by the Federal Authorities, because I published an objective account of my Family history. This book was written as an unbiased account of the things that happened to me, both in the UK and Australia as a result of my family history.

I became aware of my family history only after being sent to Vladivostok in Russia in 2005 by the company I worked for at the time, called Dyno Nobel. I was under the impression at the time (and since) that I was used as an unwitting pawn by ASIO through the managers at Dyno Nobel. In 2011, I was asked to go on 'Mission Europe' by DFAT and visited a town called Kemerovo in Siberia in Russia. Whilst there, I became aware of things that made it clear my family had gone to Russia in 1918 and Kemerovo in the 1930s.

As a result, I began a detailed investigation of my family history which I published as a novel in 2013, 2016 and 2017. A copy of the book is enclosed with this letter. The book describes in detail the things that happened to me in the UK and Australia. I decided to publish my book as a warning to other people of the things that can happen to someone where the system of free speech and justice fails. As Plato wrote many years ago, "The only thing required for evil to triumph, is that good men do nothing." I have tried to do something for justice of the individual and freedom of speech by publishing my book. There is no malice in my book, just a forthright and objective narrative of the things that happened to me and my family.

Since publishing the book, I have found it impossible to find employment in my chosen profession in Australia. I have applied for over 1000 jobs in the last eight years and have not had a single interview. In one case I applied for a job with WorkCover explosives inspectorate. (I had worked in the explosives industry for many years before publishing my book.) I had a recruitment specialist who had worked for the explosives section of WorkCover in Gosford for three years and understood their recruitment process help me with my application (which she encouraged me to apply for.)