Civiletti: no answer to EIR accusations

The following letter from Terrence Adamson, attorney for former Attorney General Benjamin R. Civiletti, was made available to EIR by its recipient, Warren J. Hamerman, Chairman of the National Democratic Policy Committee (NDPC).

Hamsell, Post, Brandon & Dorsey Washington, D.C. February 10, 1982 Dear Mr. Hamerman:

I am writing as attorney for Benjamin R. Civiletti in response to your letter to him of January 6, 1982. The article you sent and apparently published is false, defamatory, malicious, and injurious to Mr. Civiletti's reputation. We object to your publication of it and demand moreover that you give a complete and full retraction of any publication you have given it.

We have no intention in engaging in a debate with

you or anyone else who publishes with such reckless disregard for the truth. The only assumption you should make from this response is that your publication or any other similar false and defamatory publication will subject you to any and all possible legal redress.

Terrence Adamson Attorney for Benjamin Civiletti

Mr. Hamerman had forwarded to Mr. Civiletti on Jan. 6 a copy of an article he had written for the Jan. 5 issue of *EIR* entitled "The Legacy of Civiletti Still Hangs Over Justice." In his review of Civiletti's tenure at Justice in 1979-81, Mr. Hamerman documented a series of pardons granted to terrorists and their supporters; failure to investigate Muslim fundamentalist assassinations in the United States, and coverup of the scope of the Carter administration's links to Libyan illicit activities; and the systematic use of convicted felons and "trial by press" in Abscam and Brilab to frame up perceived opponents of the Carter administration.

Mr. Hamerman requested Mr. Civiletti's comments on his documentation.

EIR's editors note that Mr. Civiletti has failed to respond to the evidence of his release of, and cancellation of charges against, and refusal to investigate terrorists and assassins, at the same time that the Justice Department was transformed under his tenure into political police.

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