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James Bruno, Moderator
RTM, Town of Branford
Branford, CT

Dear Mr. Bruno:

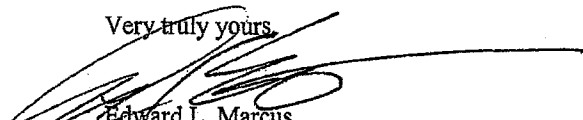
I have had the opportunity to review the RTM Ad Hoc Committee Report. Without commenting as to the report in its entirety, and certainly reserving the right to do so at sometime in the future, I believe that it is important for the Members of the RTM and for the citizens of Branford to be aware of one important error, which is located on Page 3 of the report, beginning in the 3rd paragraph, 3rd sentence down, and I quote; "sending a police detective to the premises of someone who could be perceived as a political rival was an act that could easily and very naturally be perceived as an abuse of power". The committee in making that statement has confirmed, hopefully by inadvertence, what the media has written for many months which is factually not the case.

Chief Gill testified before the committee on two separate occasions; the first time on August 2, 2006 and then again on August 23, 2006. Chief Gill's comments are attached to the committee's report but not mentioned in the report. Chief Gill on August 2nd stated, and I quote; "No one told him how to conduct the police investigation of the quarry, no one gave him any orders, nor would he have followed any such orders". On August 2nd Chief Gill also said, and I quote, "that he advised Detective Ayr to stay away because he did not think Detective Ayr should get involved in a POLITICAL SITUATION". On August 23rd Chief Gill stated "The only orders given to the police during the department's investigation were given by the Chief". Based on the Chief's statements to the Ad Hoc Committee it is disingenuous for anyone to make a statement that anyone other than the Chief sent a police detective anywhere relating to the matter of the quarry including that portion of it that related to DaRos.

I believe that the Ad Hoc Committee may have unintentionally, as set forth above, picked up on inaccurate media reports and not thoroughly reviewed the statements of Chief Gill as set forth above which were set forward, clear and succinct in nature.

I believe that this letter should be read and become part of the record of the Ad Hoc Committee Report.

Very truly yours,



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