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Dear Mr. Lamb,

I'm writing to you again to urge that C-SPAN cover the latest developments in the INSLAW versus the Department of Justice conflict. The most recent developments are as follows:

- During his confirmation hearings to become Attorney General, Mr. Barr announced that he would appoint Judge Bua to "review" the INSLAW/DOJ matter. He also stated that five Justice Department attorneys from Chicago would assist Bua in this "review".
- Yesterday, Judge Bua and his five assistants met with Attorney General Barr and requested that he give them the authority to convene a Grand Jury in Chicago to examine the conduct of the DOJ versus INSLAW. The Attorney General gave them this authority.

This request by Judge Bua leads one to the inevitable conclusion that there must be something beyond the long held DOJ position that this is nothing more than a contract dispute. While the granting of this authority by the Attorney General also represents a seeming new willingness to get to the bottom of this almost decade long battle, some troubling questions remain...how can the Judge and his five DOJ assistants' be totally independent, since they are all employees of Justice?...do Justice Department employees called as witnesses have any guarantees that they will not be subject to reprisals since employees of DOJ will be handling the testimony before the Grand Jury, and the Attorney General has given no assurances against reprisals?...why is Justice still investigating itself rather than using an Independent Counsel?...could this be but an attempt to stall the investigation of DOJ's conduct towards INSLAW by the House Judiciary Committee?

I hope to see C-SPAN coverage of this story.

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