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Re: Plea bargaining with 9/11 conspirators, again!

Dear Mr. Secretary, Judge McCall, and Admiral Rugh,

Every single Police Officer of the New York City Police Department and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey Police Department who were murdered, **murdered**, on 9/11 were members of the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO). I do not have language strong enough to convey to you the disgust you have provoked in our 241,000 living members by secretly negotiating with admitted terrorists. It was bad enough that you did so in darkness over the last two years, but *now*, as we approach Veterans Day, you have spit in the face of those who gave so much. I also cannot help noting that this revelation of reinstating the plea deal was held back from the public until **after** Election Day.

It goes beyond breaking faith with those souls who gave their lives that others might live. It is a **betrayal** of their surviving families and coworkers as well. Not to mention the thousands of civilians, the flight crews, firefighters, and military personnel murdered that day, and their families, as well. Not to mention the thousands of others condemned to a lingering and painful death from cancer and other terrible diseases, the first responders, iron workers, and volunteers who selflessly worked "the Pile" for months in the desperate effort to save lives, and, then, to recover even the smallest fragments of bone and flesh to have something, *anything*, to return to the devastated families.

Our members call on Judge McCall to reconsider this ill-advised and questionably timed opinion. Admiral Rugh, the prosecution must immediately and vigorously appeal this patent miscarriage of justice. Secretary Austin, you have failed terribly in your primary and non-negotiable duty of defending our nation and the men and women who serve her. You should do the only honorable thing left within your grasp and resign.

Sincerely,

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