

Chapter 24 – Mafia Lies

From the entering of the fraudulent receivership action against Banner International on July 20, 1993, throughout the 1990's, and thereafter up to the present, I have frequently heard second hand from various people about allegations, made especially by Roger Bowers and Ralph Requa, and by others, about the purported reasons supposedly justifying the receivership. Some of those purported reasons I have already discussed in this book and have demonstrated their complete fraudulence.

Noteworthy above all issues of course is the fact that the Order Establishing Receivership was entered by Judge Medley just 24 hours after the complaint was first filed, meaning that there was no service of the complaint to me, no notice period for me to respond, and therefore no due process of law. It was an arbitrary and illegal seizure of assets. And of course I also eventually read the original complaint that included several flimsy allegations that had absolutely no evidence behind them at all. Some of the directors, for example — Ash, Elliott, and another one—who signed the complaint alleged in it that there were no other directors of the company but me. But I still have their signatures, as directors, further ratifying the bound corporate records, which they then two months later alleged not to have existed. Exist they did and still do, with their signatures on them.

I have thus been continually amazed that such things could have happened, instigated by former friends in some cases; and, I was amazed also to learn that my brother Ralph was alleging that I was “threatening my own mother”. The Nevada claimholders, Joy Vega and Margaret Hall, asserted in the video sequences that my brother had told them that. As noted, Stevenson, Smitty, and Kiernan were also making claims that I was “threatening” shareholders (i.e. them), and David Enright, according to Sgt. O’Keefe in the San Mateo Court, was alleging I was threatening his life and that he had had to flee to New York. Likewise, Judge Jensen was asserting from the bench that I was threatening people and that this was the reason that I was not getting my supposedly guaranteed phone rights after my arrest on the fabricated traffic warrants. What could have all the people making these allegations have been thinking in order to make such

entirely false allegations or to repeat them as plausible? Of course, the most culpable, those involved in the Vancouver Stock Exchange rackets, were doing this out of desperation. I had been backing them into a corner, the walls were closing in on them, and they were fighting back with desperate and vicious means. They were trying to stay out of jail. Up to the present, their tactics have worked and seemed to have carried the day. They did, after all, have at least some criminalized FBI Agents running interference for them.

In May of 2008, however, some new evidence emerged in the form of a video tape of some of the rushes Johan Eriksson had filmed of Roger Bowers but had not included in his documentary. For various reasons I had not been able to view these after I filed a regulatory complaint against Channel 4 in London which broadcast the documentary at 1 AM in 2001. The Bowers interviews not broadcast that have now surfaced finally and conclusively have answered many of my questions and also gave me what I have called the complete “Anatomy of a Crime” in that they provide a fairly comprehensive set of statements, out of Bowers’ very own mouth, as to what was happening behind the scenes and who was alleging and doing what.

The sequences can be divided into four categories: those that refer to the FBI; those that refer to allegations against myself personally that were made to Bowers and which he “naively” repeated; those that relate to the Requa/Hoover Files; and, those allegations and statements by him personally which were totally false, grossly misleading, and/or defamatory and with no basis in fact or truth. For the purposes of this chapter we can focus on what he says about the FBI and about the Requa/Hoover Files. These are the most important issues of this book and for purposes of corporate legal actions to identify the whereabouts of the stolen Requa/Hoover Files. The most important statements by Bowers (that show corrupt FBI influence) were as follows:

“In ’93...he [Requa] failed to make a proper payment to the federal government in Reno Nevada to keep the mining claims, and of course they sent a certified letter to his post office and he never picked up his mail so he didn’t know about it. Once he found out about it he made threats against the government office of the Bureau of Land Management in Reno Nevada. And they were so frightened about it they increased their

security. They refused to talk to anybody. Anybody calling up and mentioning anything about Requa, they immediately contacted the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

This begs the question as to how Bowers found out anything about this, if the BLM was refusing to talk. Who then did talk? Bowers says:

“The fact is there are still outstanding warrants for his arrest in California. He is still wanted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation for questioning on the Reno bombing and also for some threats he made to other shareholders and to other people. So he is well known. We have had a private investigator talk to, there is an FBI office in London, and apparently they were talking to Scotland Yard. So that’s all I can tell you. I have been contacted several times in the past 5 years by the FBI asking questions about Mr. Requa”

The most instructive observation to be made is that this interview of Bowers was made in 2000, and that on 16 May, 2001, not long after this interview, I went to the American Embassy in Dublin, Ireland and got a new US passport. They made no mention at the embassy of any warrants for my arrest, nor did they ask to interrogate me about anything. Obviously, they checked their records as they always would. If they had wanted me for anything, my passport number would have been flagged. I was also at that time in frequent communications with the London FBI (at the US Legal Attache office at the U.S. embassy) and was actually requesting to see one of their agents referred to me by the Utah FBI Ernie Herbert—specifically to see one FBI Agent named Jackie Zapocosta there in London. I have confirmed faxes I sent them then and also letters back from them confirming all this. And of course, I would not know of these FBI agents’ names if this were all not the case. So, clearly, I was not officially wanted for anything.

Then there is the Freedom of Information request I made to the FBI in Washington D C., with their letter being sent to me care of my UK attorney in Birmingham in 2001. Again, the FBI office makes no mention of warrants, threats by me, or wanting to question me. They in fact said they had nothing on file under my name, only a “similar” name.

The FBI could have thus questioned me on many occasions. They knew how to find me with ease. They wrote to me and I was trying to

arrange to see them! That the Freedom of Information office wrote that they could find nothing on me—after all the agents I had had dealings with—must have been a lie of course. They were, I suspect, just hiding whatever false information they had with which some corrupt agents had doctored up my files. In any case, I was not legitimately being sought for anything of record and they issued me a new passport, which I still have, within two hours, and the FBI office at the Embassy in London never showed any interest in seeing me as I was requesting of them. Nevertheless, in that same time period, according to Bowers, I was a “prime suspect” of the FBI for the BLM bombing:

“It was later before Stephen fled the country he made several written threats to that BLM office and I don’t know if I’ve got copies of all of them but I have copies of some of those threatening letters to the BLM. It was shortly after that someone threw a bomb on top of the BLM office building in Reno. This is a federal crime. They actually bombed the building and because of his threats to the BLM, Stephen Requa was one of the prime suspects of that bombing. I don’t know if he was actually interrogated but I do know they wanted to interrogate him. I can tell you that I have been contacted by three if not four different offices of the Federal Bureau of Investigation wanting to know about Mr. Requa. They also know that we the receivership recovered some of his personal effects from a vehicle after he was arrested on a weapons charge and the Federal Bureau of Investigation requested some of his personal items so they could be tested to see if they could match any of the evidence found in the bombing.

It is especially interesting to note that they, Bowers and the receiver, got the truck, courtesy of Judge Veal in San Mateo, in August 1993, yet the BLM office was not bombed until the end of October. Why would FBI agents be wanting to see if items from the truck could be matched to a bombing that wouldn’t even occur until two months after I lost the truck? The answer of course was that they didn’t really care about that. These were corrupt FBI agents calling Bowers who just wanted to establish to Bowers that, basically, the FBI was intent on destroying me. They wanted Bowers to believe all the other lies that were being spread by criminals both inside and outside the FBI who were involved in the court frauds. It was a two pronged operation Bowers was getting false allegations about me from the fraud artists while allied corrupt FBI agents

were calling him about other fictitious assertions. Bowers thus appears to have got the message that he could get away with anything. He got this message from criminalized FBI agents. In effect, they were giving him license to offend with the fraud artists who were trying to ally with him and were also feeding him false information that he so naively repeated for the camera. More about these statement later.

By this time of course, up until 2000 when the FBI was contacting Bowers long after October 1993, the Salt Lake City FBI had already long concluded that I could have had nothing to do with the bombing. I had been all through that personally with the FBI in Salt Lake City. This corrupt FBI faction, it can also concluded, must have been responsible for the FBI calls to Margaret Hall, their extensive influence on the Rev. Marsh, their calls to other Banner shareholders, and to Commander O'Keefe.

The one thing, and the only thing, that can be believed from the Bowers interviews was that the FBI did contact Bowers as alleged. But did Bowers know it was a criminalized faction within the FBI? Very possibly not! He just knew that with regard to me, he basically had a blank check to collaborate with anybody hostile to me. That the FBI faction involved also wanted Ralph Requa to believe the same thing is equally and unavoidably to be concluded. I would have to assume, therefore, in light of the above that the FBI agents involved were also the source of the allegations to Ralph that I had murdered people, and they had probably told the Rev. Marsh the same thing. That seems to be the *only* explanation for her abject terror of me and her willingness to assist the FBI with those things that the most corrupt and evil minds within it could devise for me.

Why was the corrupt FBI faction doing this? It was for only one of two reasons. First, was because I was certainly uncovering internal FBI ties with organized crime (which is what the Banner take-over was all about) and the Mafia-complicit FBI agents were panicking. And/or, secondly, they wanted to assist in getting the Requa/Hoover Files to the powerful interests who were corrupting them. Actually, we must conclude, I think that it was for both those reasons.

So, let us look at what others have said about the Requa/Hoover Files in video taped interviews. Here is what John Prochnau has stated:

“Lawrence Requa who was Stephen’s father was a very well known mining geologist in Nevada and throughout the world and the third generation of a family of very prominent mining engineers and entrepreneurs that began with the great grandfather who came to California in the Gold Rush and had a very successful career in developing mines there, and following with the grandfather Mark Requa who was an associate and very close friend, business associate, and campaign manager for Herbert Hoover, another famous American mining engineer who became President of the United States in 1928 to 1932. I met him a number of times in my early career. Lawrence Requa was one of those patriarchs and gurus of the industry that all young geologists went to when they had questions about projects in Nevada or elsewhere where Mr. Requa had worked. I had several such meetings toward the end of his very long and productive life. By all standards he was both a gentleman and highly respected in his profession with a very excellent record and reputation”.

In other words, and as may be concluded, young geologists went to my father for information on mining properties. He was known to have had information and geological data on most of the gold properties that could be encountered in the western states. He had seen most of them. Such was the case with Getty Oil that had retained my father in the early 1970’s for his information on the Mercur mining district where Herbert Hoover and my grandfather and father spent about a million dollars in 1930s dollars on exploration and development. Getty Oil hired my father precisely because he had that hard data that they could get nowhere else.

But Roger Bowers claims the following in the interviews made with him:

“I don’t know whether you have seen it but there is documentation that most of the actual Requa/Hoover files or anything that pertains to former President Hoover, most of the files, and Stephen makes mention of this, two tons or three tons of files,

were donated to the University of Wyoming and remained at their library. So most of the files, the historical files, the ones that had true historical value and geological record were donated by Larry Requa to the University of Wyoming. Basically what's left is the junk that the University of Wyoming apparently didn't want and were given to Steve by his father. They were what was left over from what was donated to the University of Wyoming. So most of the true Requa/Hoover Files are in Wyoming at the library and you can get access to those. So what we have got are the leftovers that either had no value or he just didn't want to give them away.

The actual volume of the papers my father gave to the University of Wyoming was five tons that he gave them during the 1960s and while he was still active in geological consulting. They were therefore, in fact, just the files that he himself had no use for and which would likewise have no use to me or anybody else in exploration. Obviously, he wasn't going to keep "the junk" either for himself or for me. He was getting rid of the junk. He kept the files that had potential commercial and geologic value for new exploration whether by himself, for use with his consulting work, and/or for use with me. He was still making fees by consulting up through the mid 1970. Prochnau and "all young geologists" came to him for valuable information, not to look through junk. This is so blatantly obvious that it is remarkable that Bowers would make such a ridiculous assertion. Who did he think he was fooling, besides himself?

The real content and value of the files just prior to their being stolen through the Utah court frauds is detailed by geologist Dan McCullar as follows:

"In the late 1980's Steve would come by my house on numerous occasions. He spent the field seasons, the summers, in Nevada collecting rock samples and trying to map out the conceptual models that he would develop over the winter from all the data he would collect over the summer. He would also bring by files that he

would find in the database his father had left him, the Hoover/Requa Files. There was always something of great interest that he would find. He spoke of the enormity of their volume and how he had just begun to scratch the surface of these files. Some of these files would be typed paper, some bound volumes. I remember seeing handwritten notes from his father, some in pencil, some in pen, maps, lots of exclamation points, underlines, and identifying marks that would indicate that certain files were of extreme importance, that their prospective nature was of high value.

"I remember specifically files from Central America and Honduras, the fact that Honduras was heavily forested and his father has spent an enormous amount of time travelling the rivers and hiking up the river valleys, mapping the outcrops, describing the mineralised areas that would not be easily seen by air photos. There were also volumes of files from Nevada, Idaho, and California, Arizona, and New Mexico. The varied nature of these files and the wide geographic range just spoke of the prolific nature of his grandfather's and father's investigative methods.

"In 1991 I had an opportunity to visit Stephen in his apartment in Woodside and saw the files. He had moved them into a series of fire proof vaulted filing cabinets that were extremely heavy. I remember Steve having strained his back at one time, having a very painful back injury trying to move one of these filing cabinets. They took up an entire wall of the apartment. I remember there being quite a lot of concern that anybody else would even know the existence here of these files as Stephen discovered the value of the large number of important files. He became more and more fearful all the time that someone else was going to discover their existence here.

"He pulled open numerous drawers. We spent several hours looking through many files. They were all very carefully categorized by geographic regions. He would pull out some files that had the most amazing things written by his father, notes attached, some paper clipped attached, some type written pages, descriptions of individual areas, some hand drawn maps, some published maps with handwritten notes on the maps that identified geologic features on the maps. There was no question that there was a huge amount of data present and that it was not easy to move this volume of data from place to place.

"It was clear that the real value of the company was in the files and that once we could get the mines in operation in Osceola and/or Merritt Mountain, that the real value for our company's future was in trying to exploit some of the data that had never been investigated with modern mining technology.

"It was a very exciting time. We were certain that the company had a very bright future, and we were looking forward to quite a prosperous and exciting future in the mining industry based on the files the Stephen had inherited".

The comments about the files made by geologist John Prochnau are as follows:

"Steve Requa showed me the Requa/Hoover Files on one occasion. They were stored in his office in the Bay Area. There was a very large room full of filing cabinets and Steve showed me several of these that contained files on various properties that his father has examined in the past.These files were documented over a period of years by his father and grandfather and during their venture with Herbert

Hoover during the 20's and 30's.... In my view that kind of information is of extraordinary interest and value....I think the real value of those files is that they provide information that's not available from any other source".

Prochnau adds the following comments about our private meeting with President Fujimori in 1991:

"Stephen in 1991 was invited through an associate Carlos Rodriguez Pastor who I believe was a former finance minister of Peru to attend a reception for President Fujimori in San Francisco and we attended that reception with Steve and several other associates with Banner at the time. Following the reception there was a private meeting with President Fujimori in his suite in the hotel which was the Saint Francis. We were invited to attend that private meeting. We were introduced to the President and subsequently had a little get together with cocktails with a number of other San Francisco dignitaries.

"President Fujimori and former finance minister Pastor had expressed interest in the Hoover/Requa Files and the extensive information they included and contained regarding certain properties in Central America. President Fujimori was interested in introducing Steve and Banner to a number of Peruvian companies that were interested in investing in that part of the world and utilising those files as a basis for that.

"In the early 1990's the [mining] industry in Latin America had been floundering from lack of investment for some time largely because of political systems that were not particularly favourable to foreign investment. In the 1990's with the change in the global scene that followed the fall of the Soviet Union, a number of new regimes came into power in Latin America that included Fujimori in Peru

whose policies were more oriented to an open market. So this meant that there was increased interest by the international mining community in investing in countries like Peru and Central American countries that had very great mineral endowment but a lack of investment for some time. THIS OF COURSE MADE STEPHEN REQUA AND BANNER'S POSSESSION OF PROPRIETARY INFORMATION IN THE REQUA/HOOVER FILES OF EXTREME VALUE.

With regard to my alleged failure to make a proper payment to the BLM, I can refer to the 1993 Cashier's Check for \$15,000 drawn on January 27, 1993, for the 1993 year, a full 11 months before it was due. A copy of this check still exists in my possession. Further, how would Bowers know about my not having made a payment or that I never picked up my mail? How would Bowers have learned of any these things about the BLM and FBI or about what mail I picked up or did not? From the BLM or the FBI? Why would either one of them be so informative to Bowers? He in fact states that the BLM would say nothing. So, he must have got that from the corrupt FBI agents involved or from the racketeers who apparently employed them.

Also, what would have I been threatening the BLM about? And what were the threats? Many allegations of my supposedly making threats (verbally or in writing) to people arose by persons involved in the receivership crimes (Ralph Requa for instance with regard to my mother) but no evidence has ever been produced. Not once. Not a shred of evidence. What is of record however is my **Cease and Desist Notice** filed at the Washoe County Recorder's Office. Does this comprise a threat? This related to the 1992 payment that they took from me personally in Reno the day before Christmas 1992 but did not credit. I got their Default notice on the claims in June 1993 saying the claims had been forfeited for non payment. But then I simply went to the Woodside Bank and retrieved their stamped receipt. That ended that

matter. They were forced to rescind the Default Notice. No threats were required, just the evidence. About the 1993 payment of \$15,000, I never heard anything from them about the \$15,000 check or it not being "a proper payment". The receivership intervened. So, I had no reason to make any threats to the BLM either in 1992 or in 1993. The Default Noticed for 1992 had been revoked. Indeed, if the default had not been revoked, Bowers would never have got any of the claims during the receivership. Bowers' assertions, therefore, are lies.

In all these matters, with the actual corruption of the BLM office to start with, and with the calls to Bowers by the evidenced "rogue" FBI agents, it must, therefore, I believe be concluded that behind all these crimes against Banner International and myself was the organization and instigation of them by criminalized FBI agents.