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Stephen M. Kohn, Esq.
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Re: Request for Prepublication Review of the manuscript
"Classified Woman: The Sibel Edmonds Story" by Sibel Edmonds

Dear Mr. Kohn:

This letter is in response to your letter of January 17, 2012, concerning Sibel Edmonds' submission of a manuscript for Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) prepublication review.

The FBI is continuing its review of the manuscript sent to our office on April 26, 2011, and the manuscript received in our office on November 30, 2011. We disagree with your contention that there has been a constructive denial of your request for review. We also do not concur that 28 C.F.R. §17.18 provides for an appeal prior to completion of agency review of a manuscript. The matters Ms. Edmonds writes about involve many equities, some of which may implicate information that is classified. The FBI is reviewing her submission as expeditiously as possible. Ms. Edmonds, however, may not publish either manuscript until the FBI makes a final determination and she is authorized to do so. See 28 C.F.R. §17.18(1). The FBI has not yet made a final determination on either manuscript.

Approval of the manuscripts by the FBI will include incorporation of all changes required by the FBI. Until then, Ms. Edmonds does not have approval to publish her manuscripts, which includes showing them to editors, literary agents, publishers, reviewers, or anyone else. At this point, Ms. Edmonds remains obligated not to disclose or publish the manuscript in any manner.

Should you have any questions, please contact Zachary Wright at (540) 868-1697.

Sincerely,

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