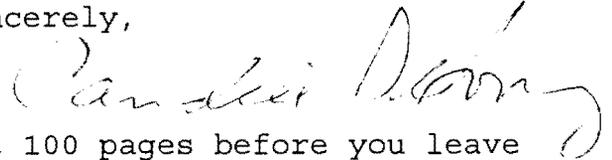


Dear Mr Follett,

Per our conversation 12/15/97, I have really picked apart this manuscript and have made several suggestions. George and I tried to think of scenarios and different ways that you could get your story across, while staying within the Bureau guidelines for conduct, etc. I hope that I don't seem presumptuous in my approach. I love the story, but then again, as a woman with 18 years in, I can really relate to Judy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Pamela Downing". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed word "Sincerely,".

P.S.

I will be finished with the last 100 pages before you leave town.

OUT OF THE MOUTH OF THE DRAGON

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1. Page 9, third line from bottom...It has to be made clear that this license is a forgery. A fugitive from justice living underground as Priest is, would know people who could provide a forgery. The reason for this: later in the book you stress the degree of difficulty that the FBI is having getting a recent photo of their suspect, RICK GRANGER. If he had a valid license, his photograph that was taken at the time he got the license would be on file with the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) in Sacramento, CA. Since all licenses have to be renewed every four years in California, the photo available would be fairly recent. Additionally, It would be VERY DIFFICULT to obtain the license being illiterate. He would have to cheat in front of a lot of witnesses, or pay someone off at the DMV, both of which are unlikely. But a forgery would not be a problem.

2. Page 18, line 10. "They had done all they could to save it, but they had lost the battle". What did they do ?, and wouldn't there be a record of it? If there was a record, they would be identified as suspects very early on.

3. Page 52, line 6 from the bottom, "a few days in stir"...change "stir" to "jail". Also the color gray is spelled two different ways on the same page (52); line 5 from the top and the last word on the page.

4. Page 54, line 8 from the bottom, "...recognize signs for route 10: a stick with a circle, easy". It was already pointed out on page 46, last line, that as a kid Priest was good with numbers....so why would he have problems with the interstate sign?

An observation and suggestion regarding the professional status of JUDY MADDOX:

Special Agent MADDOX should not be a supervisor if she is going to be out working cases. Supervisors don't work cases, they manage "street agents" who are actually working the cases. A supervisor has no less than six street agents working under him/her, and his/her actual involvement in the cases is usually limited to suggestions to and support of the case agent. Each case being worked is assigned (by the supervisor) to one agent, who is the "Case agent", and he/she may have other agents helping them, they would be called "Lead agents". A supervisor might be present when a search warrant is being served by an agent on his squad, or when an arrest is being made, but the case agent is calling the shots. Of course, a supervisor has veto power over the case agent (rank has privileges), but usually they stand back and let the case agents do what they want to do, with an occasional suggestion here and there. If something the case agent did "breaks bad" or "goes south", the supervisor may be held ultimately responsible by the SAC, (if he/she knew about it and did not intervene). After all, supervisors are supposed to know more that the agents working for them and be on top of things, but it sometimes does not work out that way. Some supervisors protect and stand up for their people when they make a mistake, and some

supervisors hang them out to dry if they do something wrong, (for fear the agent's mistake might hurt somehow THEIR career).

Since Judy is actively working cases she should be a street agent. Insofar as she has ten years under her belt, she is what would be called "a 13", which means she has gone as high as she can on the federal pay scale, and therefore the term "13" translates into "she's a very experienced agent". Brand new agents start as a 10. Up until a year ago, it took seven years to become a 13, but now it only takes five. So lately, the term for a VERY experienced agent is, they are a "13-6" (or higher, 13-7, 13-8, up to the highest which is as 13-10. It takes twenty years to become a 13-10, and that's only if the agent received at least two special QSI(s), (Quality Step Increases). Judy impresses me as the kind of agent who, after ten years (under the old system) would be a 13-6....not bad at all. Most of her contemporaries (without QSIs) would be a 13-2.

Regarding her competition with HAYES, he has to be a street agent too. I think that a plausible field of battle for MADDUX and HAYES is that they are both desirous of becoming a supervisor, as opposed to an ASAC. Let's say that the San Francisco Domestic Terrorism (DT) Desk (Supervisor slot) is going to be opening up because the current supervisor is either being transferred or retiring. Both MADDUX and HAYES want the desk and perhaps each is equally qualified for it. Now the playing field is fairly even, except that Judy, although being a DT expert, recently worked for two years on the Asian Organized Crime case on which she obtained several very significant convictions. Nice work, but it took her out of the realm of DT, her first love and the desk she wants. This could have given HAYES a chance to move ahead of her in that specialty, assuming he remained on that squad. Maybe HAYES never made a case and he is "all show and no go", but he knows (and drinks) with the "right" people (KINCAID), so his incompetence is overlooked. Sadly, it happens.

In fact, Supervisor slots are advertized nationwide, but "local" candidates have the best chance, especially if they have done two years as a Supervisor at Headquarters in Washington, D.C. Judy has not done this, nor has HAYES as the book reads today. All candidates submit an FD-638 (a form in which the candidate list their knowledge, skills and abilities (KSAs) and that form is submitted to the local career board, as well as the career board at HQ. The head of the local career board is an ASA, and could very well be KINCAID. The board is made up of six current supervisors, and the ASAC is the tie-breaking vote. He could, although it would be "not right", stack the career board meeting on the choosing of the DT supervisor with people who owed him favors and/or would do what he wanted. In this manner he could ease Judy out and put his buddy HAYES in. Unless, of course, some supervisors on the career board didn't care what KINCAID thought of their vote. These career boards are taped, so any candidate can review the tape if he/she so wishes. However, the "deals" are made behind the scenes and in private before the career board meets, only the voting is on tape. People don't actually say WHY they are or are not voting for a candidate, they just vote by holding up their hand as the candidate's name is read aloud. Anyone listening to the tape would not know who voted for or against them, they would only know what people said about them. Prior to the

vote, the head of the career board (and others present) may talk about the candidate, and everyone present has a copy of the candidate's 638. As you can imagine, since the meeting is taped, no one says anything negative about an individual, for fear of being sued or having a complaint filed against them. Of course a person need not fear saying something negative about a candidate IF IT IS TRUE, but that rarely happens. As long as the comment is true, the candidate has no beef. For example, KINCAID might say, "Well, I don't think that Agent MADDOX is Supervisory material because she showed bad judgement when stopped by a California Hyway Patrolman while speeding to an interview", or something like that. As long as he can hang his hat on something real, he's on solid ground. The candidates are ranked, 1st, 2nd, third, etc., then the "package" is sent to the big daddy of all career boards in at HQ, and they make the final selection. They ususally go along with the local career board's wishes.

Having Judy and HAYES both supervisors in line for ASAC simply does not work. She's no where near qualified to even put in for ASAC, no matter who she knows. She has to be a supervisor for at least a year, THEN go out on nine (9) field office inspections (which could take at least 18 months) to even be eligible to be considered to be an ASAC.

One possible solution to this problem (since you have to tell the story BEFORE Judy gets promoted, is to have the DT desk be available, and the career board is scheduled to meet in a month. Both HAYES and JUDY have submitted their 638s, and both are considered hot candidates for the position. Judy has just wone her convictions on the Asian case. Then the story unfolds, as written.

That being said, let it not be forgotten that SAC LESTRANGE, although somewhat incapacitated, is still the SAC and can rule his kingdom even from a hospital bed. Sure, he would appoint the most senior ASA to be the Acting SAC, but he could still tell him/her what do on major decisions. LESTRANGE could interfere with KINCAID'S decisions as Acting SAC just enough to make KINCAID crazy, and bitterly resent Judy for going over his head. Never mind that Judy is playing her trump card just as HAYES is playing his; when you beat someone in the Bureau at their own game the stakes can be costky, and, as we say, Payback is a bitch.

Finally, ASA'Cs do not assign cases. If Judy developed the lead on the Asian Organized Crime (AOC) case then she'd have to have a good reason to leave her terrorism squad and work the AOC case herself (on the AOC squad). This could happen. But, once she leaves terrorism squad she loses some power that she had there. How about giving her a reason to keep the AOC case, (besides looking Asian). One possible scenario: Maybe an Asian informant would only deal with her. It happens. Informants can be very difficult and demanding, and it is not unknown that a good informant will only work with an agent that he/she trusts. After all, the informant's life depends on it. If an agent that developed a productive informant fought hard enough to keep the case for themself, it would probably fly, despite any mid-level management objections. Don't forget, the main objective of the FBI is to put criminals in jail. If they (management) smell a conviction, they'll be more likely to go for it. If the agent with the informant is

inexperienced, a good supervisor would pair up an experienced agent, a 13, with the novice to help see that the case gets made and proper procedures are followed. Oftentimes the experienced agent gets a kick out of helping "the kid" and, while steering the case, takes no credit and is content to let the youngster take the glory. But, sometimes the experienced agent will slowly subvert the kid and take over the case, or worse, let him/her make a mistake and crash and burn, claiming, "Well, he/she wouldn't listen to me". As I see Judy, she is an experienced agent who has other agents helping her reach her goal.

Most importantly, the street agents "make the supervisors look good" as they make cases and put bad guys in jail. Therefore, most astute supervisors let their good people run with a case. If an agent like Judy has to battle an obstacle course of political land mines, she/he better be good at their job, moreover, they better be right! Judy fits this bill, as I see (and love) her.

Page 56, last line".....and assistant District Attorney", needs to be changed to "...Assistant United States Attorney" (AUSA). These are Federal prosecutors, District Attorneys are state or local persecutors.

Page 57, anywhere... There would be a whole team of people who worked on the case in the courtroom to hear the verdict...Lead Agents, translators, the squad secretary, maybe the rotor (file clerk), possibly task force personnel (local cops working with the FBI...we need them badly on these types of cases, etc) Actually, Judy's father would probably have been there, (if he could) since they are so close. For an agent, winning a case of this magnitude IS A REALLY BIG DEAL, as winning cases is what we are paid (rather well) to do. It results in instant respect and admiration by one's peers, and instant resentment and jealousy by one's enemies.

Page 57, line 8 from the bottom....change "Oriental" to Asian. Asians (at least in California) are generally offended at being called Oriental and they are quick to point out that rugs are oriental, not people. Go figure.

Page 57, last paragraph (already discussed....the SAC would not be aligning the case. You need to find a reason why the SAC would be involved at this level, i.e., mitigate his involvement. Maybe, KINCAID wanted HAYES to have it, but JUDY'S informant would only talk to her, etc. KINCAID tried to talk to the informant, but the informant would only talk to Judy, (it happens). This would infuriate someone like KINCAID, and he would even suspect that JUDY put him (the informant) up to it. Finally, LESTRANGE intervened and made the decision in Judy's favor. She still gets the case, and still makes the enemies.

Page 58, line 3..."to the experts in KINCAID'S squad" should read....."to the experts under KINCAID'S domain".,as KINCAID doesn't command a squad, he commands the supervisors of many squads, and therefore (indirectly), the agents under those supervisors. Line 4 from ..."grew from thousands to millions" should read"grew from hundreds of thousand to millions". (We don't work cases that are only "Thousands" We give "little" cases to the locals.

Page 58, line 7&8. As previously discussed, the career board picks supervisors. No one except SAC's are promised anything, and then, only from Director Freeh. Additionally, since Director Freeh took over the Bureau in early 1993, promotions have been based more on merit than favoritism than any other time in the Bureau. This is one reason Freeh is so popular among street agents, and is known as "The agent's Director". Freeh is the only Director of the FBI who was himself once an agent.

Page 69, line 2 from the bottom..."a Smith & Wesson mm semi-automatic" should read a SigSAUR 9mm semi-automatic..."

Page 70, line 14, the FBI does not have a dedicated elevator, but it's a good idea. I'll mention it.

Page 71, Regarding Simon Sparrow.....I really like his character. He's perfect, but there is one important thing that needs to be said about him. First of all, if he's a specialist in psycho linguistics, he needs to 1) either have a Ph.D. in Linguistics OR 2) have a Master's degree in Psychology AND have served about five years in the Behavioral Science Unit (BSU) at the FBI Academy at Quantico, Virginia, as a linguistics/threat analysis specialist. Even with a Ph.D, he'd have to have served time in the BSU before he could be doing threat analysis in the field. There is no way that the BSU would allow any agent in the field to do a threat/linguistic analysis without them overseeing the effort, and then putting their name and stamp of approval on it. If any agent dared to do such a thing, he/she could be fired if things went wrong. It has happened. I would make Simon a little older, possessing a Ph.D., and having spent five years in the BSU at Quantico. Even then he would have to run his analysis by the BSU for their approval. Other than that, he's great. Once again, loved him.

Page 69, lines 9 & 10, Change Everton's to Liverpool Lil's, and change "shootout stories" to "war stories". The term war stories encompasses ALL that we do, and very, very few agents even have a shootout story.

Page 70, line 5, change "examination" to "qualification course".

Page 70, You already said that Judy had never actually shot a real person, in line 6. Then in the 2nd line from the bottom, it changes to "...shootouts and car chases: they wanted a lawyer, not a gunslinger". If she was in a shootout, she was shooting at a person (or at least she was supposed to be). We don't shoot at cars unless we're aiming at someone inside, and miss.

Page 71, lines 5 and 6 from the bottom.....change "...commented on her make-up and jewelry the way...." to "...commented on her clothes and jewelry the way...". In my 47 years I have never heard men OR women talk about make-up, but clothes, oh yes! And change baseball to football. The 49ers are always a hot topic.

Page 75, line 2. Change "...stop building power plant" to "...stop building a power plant" (or) power plants".

An observation regarding how the Governor gets the message

There has to be a reason why the San Francisco Division is the lead office, and not the Sacramento Division. One way to handle this is to have the threat sent by letter, postmarked in San Francisco, to John Truth who's show is out of San Francisco, not Sacramento, (it also seems unlikely that the group would use an Internet bulletin board, it doesn't fit with their lifestyle). This way, (mailed) SF would be the "Office of Origin (OO)", because the threat was mailed and received in their Division, and Sacramento would be an Auxiliary Office because the target of the threat resides and works in the Sacramento Division. Since the Governor probably receives threats frequently, there would not be a turf battle until it became apparent that the threat was real and "BIG". Additionally, FBIHQ would be involved in this, in particular, the Domestic Terrorism Desk at HQ. Another way to get around Sacramento not being the Office of Origin is if the commune was in San Francisco Division's territory (Mendocino County, perhaps?) and the threat letter was postmarked from there. But Priest does not impress me as being so stupid as to mail the letter from where he lives. Another way to get around it might be to have the first earthquake in the San Francisco Division's territory, which extends from the Oregon boarder to south of Monterey, and from the Pacific ocean to the foothills of the Sierras. As it reads now, the first quake is in Sacramento's Division.

Page 76, line 8 from the bottom, "...nuisance phone calls " should be "...threatening phone calls". Nuisance phone calls generally refer to sexually motivated calls, by stalker, rapist, etc, not a terrorist.

Page 76, line 4 from the bottom, Simon would not have access to the "linguistic fingerprint data base from the field. It would be at the BSU in Quantico. The BSU would run it and provide the info to him,

Page 81, line 10...What does "grizzle" mean? This is not an American word.

Page 84, line 7 from the bottom"...putting the date into his computer..." , date of what? Do you mean "data" instead of date?

Page 100, AN OBSERVATION....

Judy had a abortion and never felt the same about Don. Fair enough, but on page 67 you point out that part of the reason Judy had the abortion was because she wasn't ready to give up her career. So why blame Don so much? In fact, the mere fact that Judy had a abortion will cause a significant number of readers to dislike Judy. Abortion is a very hot topic in America, and generally not discussed due to the potential for highly offending someone listening. In my 18 years as a female agent, I have never heard a group of agents discuss the abortion issue, although they'll discuss anything else. Many agents may support it, but will not talk about it. It is that controversial. Another possible scenario for them breaking up is that he cheated on her. Just a thought.

Page 101, line 3 from the bottom. Since DNA testing can take up to six weeks (minimum), it needs to be made clear the BO didn't just "run" the

DNA, but that he just got the report back from the lab. BO would have to a good reason to hold the suspect while running the tests. You mentioned that he was "harassing" young girls in the park, how about this: He actually tried to grab one of them and was arrested and held on that charge. Then, BO would be able to get a search warrant to search his apartment and find the cuffs. That find would then be probable cause to get another search warrant to get a specimen of his blood, (presuming he was refusing to give it freely).

Page 102, line 2..Judy never actually lost her job for swearing at KINCAID, perhaps she should say, "Well, I still have a job..."

Page 103, line 3 from the bottom. BO is a good cop, and planting cocaine on QUERCUS would be a felony. He does not impress me as the kind of cop who would do such a thing.

AN OBSERVATION ABOUT QUERCUS PUTTING JUDY OFF,

I think Judy was put off too easily, she seems more persistent than that. Perhaps she should tell him through the entry phone that she's there to see him regarding a matter of public safety, and he came highly recommended. Then if he puts her off, it makes him seem like more of a jerk, but at least she approached him the right way. After all, she can't make him see her, but at least she conveyed the nature of the visit.

Page 104, line 7, BO's named suddenly changed to BA, for the rest of the book. Oops!

Page 111, line 8 from the bottom. I doubt that there are more than 1000 geology students, and the FBI would find and interview everyone of them. Even if there were 10,000, we would at least attempt to find and interview all of the. It was done in the UNABOM case when it was believed that a "NATHAN R" had inadvertently left the impression of his name on one of the letters that the unsub (our term for Unknown subject) sent to the New York Times. Ten thousand NATHAN Rs were identified in the country, and we attempted to find and interview everyone of them.

Page 104, line 6 from the bottom....Drilling rig\operators, or "Operating Engineers" need to have a special license. A quick computer check with DMV would yield a list of all of them in California. But, if PRIEST has a forged license, he would not be on the list.

Page 115, line 9 from the bottom. "...others were all abed". Change abed to "in bed".

Page 134 If an agent with Judy's years of experience pulled a gun on a CHP just doing is job (albeit-over zealously), she could be fired, but would at least be given time off without pay (known as "Time on the bricks"). We are not to point our gun at anyone unless we fully intend to use it. Might be better to have her just give him some verbal grief (but not too bad). He would no doubt report her bad attitude to his superiors, who might in turn call Judy's boss, KINCAID. This would also give KINCAID a bona fide reason to take her off the case, later on page 185.

Page 140, AN OBSERVATION:

Insofar as JUDY already has talked to QUERCUS, the leading authority in the field, (who told her that it is possible to cause an earthquake), I think that she should speak up about this, even if KINCAID is going to pooh-pooh it. Knowing his opinion puts her in possession of valuable information and if she withholds it and it was later found out that she knew it, she'd be dancing backwards very fast. KINCAID is arrogant enough to dismiss it, and it makes him look like more of a jerk.

Page 144, line 4 from the bottom. Ken, it can be hard enough to get a guy to do this without having a world famous writer such as yourself giving the act a bad rap. How about changing "Yech" to "Wow"? Just a thought!

Page 145, line three from the bottom"....faster that you can say spike". Not an American term (Spike). How about "spit"?

Page 153, Line 10 from the bottom. As noted previously, if San Francisco is to be the "Office of Origin", perhaps the first quake should be in their Division.

Page 171, line 4, When mentioning that Judy went to Sacramento, since they are different Division, she should call them to let them know that she is going to be working in their Division, and just doing an interview. It's a courtesy thing. She would probably report this to the agent in Sacramento who is the liaison to the Governor's Office.

Page 171, line 8. One thing Judy's team would be asking geology professors is "Are they working on anything that specifically denotes where stress points are located on faults, AND who has access to that info.

Page 171, last line....."bad odour"...not an American term. How about "in a bad way" or "...her team knew she was sideways with the Acting SAC"

Page 173, line 8. I think JOHN TRUTH probably would have called the FBI to tell them about the taped message, After all, it is evidence in a federal case. Perhaps Judy had a message from him on her voicemail at work, but since she was out of the office, she hadn't received it yet. This would be fine with TRUTH, because he would want to make copies of it and play it on the radio before the FBI took it away from him.

Page 174, (bottom) See George Grotz

Page 175, line 6 "...four weeks on." Not an American term. How about "...four weeks from when we promised", or "four weeks to the exact day".

Page 184, line 11, "....like that.", should be "...and stuff like that".

Page 185, line 7"...law enforcement person" should be"...law enforcement officer".

KINCAID cannot just take Judy off the case (at this point) without good reason, ESPECIALLY if he is going to give the case to a man. She has not done a bad job, in fact, she has done a good job and her interviews with QUERCUS have put her in possession of reliable information from an expert that cannot responsibly be dismissed. We have something in the U.S. called "Equal Employment Opportunity"-EEO, and it protects women and minorities from discrimination in the work place. White males are not a protected species, since they out number everyone else. Judy would be able to file a EEO complaint against KINCAID immediately for discrimination, and she'd probably win it. That would be the end of KINCAID'S upward mobility. Managers who are interested in promotion are scared to death of an EEO beef against them. Even a pending (unresolved) one can prevent a manager from being promoted. The FBI takes such matters VERY seriously.

However, if KINCAID has some legitimate reason that he can hang his hat on regarding removing her from the case, that changes everything. One possibility is to take her off of the case because of the way she handled herself with the CHP who stopped her speeding. She was very rude and he was just doing his job. Perhaps he told his boss, (who knows KINCAID) and his boss called KINCAID directly to complain about Agent MADDOX' bad attitude towards another law enforcement officer. Maybe he complained to KINCAID that Agent MADDOX'S behavior threatened the good liaison that already existed between the two agencies, etc, etc. This would really anger any manager, and although it definitely falls way short of being severe enough to warrant an official investigation, it would be enough for KINCAID to use as a reason to take her of the case. He could tell her that he questions her judgement and ability to work well with outside agencies (something that is necessary in this case), and so therefore he's replacing her with another counter-terrorism agent, MARVIN HAYES. Of course, the fact that they don't think that anyone can cause an earthquake should remain as written, as it makes them look like the arrogant jerks that they are.

Page 188, line 3 from the bottom,..."so they got fed pap". "Pap" is not an American term, what does it mean?

Page 189, line 3,..."it lacked five minutes of six". Not an American term, how about "...it was five minutes to six", or.."it was 5:55pm.

We do not USUALLY have press conferences outside of the office, unless it is being given from a crime scene or an off-site location for a very specific reason. When given in the office, press badges would be checked and it is unlikely that a young girl would be admitted. Therefore, there needs to a good reason to have the conference at a hotel, and I can't think of one. However, if the offices of the FBI were being remodeled or being brought up to code, (like the time they were removing asbestos from the building) that would be a reason why the usual conference rooms would not be available. Perhaps the FBI would then make arrangements to have the conference somewhere else in the

federal building, perhaps a corner of the lobby or a corner of the cafeteria that had been sectioned off for the occasion. Everyone goes through metal detectors in the lobby, but the screening for the above mentioned alternate locations would not be as intense as it would be if the meeting were in the FBI office.

Page 195, line 10,...the radio station must begin with a "W", not a K.

page 196..A note about tracing the call...If Melanie's ex is paying her cell phone bill, he would be getting a monthly statement listing every call made from the cell phone...just a thought.

Page 206, line 6 from the bottom to the last line. There is not enough probable cause (PC) yet to get a search warrant. The FBI can suspect GREEN CALIFORNIA, question them on their own premises, offices or homes, but there is not enough to "Bring them in for questioning". We don't bring people in the office for questioning unless they are under arrest. One way to get around this search warrant issue is to say that they are voluntarily cooperating...then a warrant is not necessary. Besides, they probably would be cooperative with the FBI since they are not involved. Also, in the last line, HAYES is saying way too much to the press, especially about the mailing list, etc. To tell the public that kind of detail would be to tell the unknown perpetrators what our strategy is. Not good. HQ would go nuts on HAYES and KINCAID for that. Perhaps he should say the usual, "Agents are following up all leads", at the press conference but then somehow disclose to the reader what the FBI is actually doing.

Page 210, line 1,...change "supermarket" to "the SAFEWAY in the Marina". It's a upscale yuppie supermarket, just the kind of place she'd go to.

Page 210, line 4,...change "Kitchen roll" to "paper towels"

Page 210, last line, "Now Marvin's team"...change team to squad.

BY THE WAY, WHERE IS JUDY ASSIGNED TO SINCE BEING TAKEN OFF THE CASE? Is she still assigned to the Domestic Terrorism squad, or did KINCAID take her off the squad too? If you want her off the squad how about assigning her to the Division's Chief Legal Counsel, since she's a lawyer, and he probable needs help. OR, you could leave her on the DT squad, but assigned to other cases instead of STOP NOW. KINCAID would do something like that just to humiliate her.

Page 211, line 4, change "muscles T-shirt" to "tank top"

Page 216, line 2..The Patty Hearst incident was in 1973 & 1974, not the sixties.

Page 216, line 7..."four weeks on". Change "on" to "four weeks to the day, or four weeks as promised, etc.

Page 217, line 5, drop Internet message (if you're going to have the original threat mailed instead).

Page 220, last line....change "Headquarters" to "the office".

Page 226, line 12,...What am I missing here? Wouldn't there be a record somewhere, a paper trail, of any efforts and legal bills Priest used to fight the state regarding the damn? If so, it needs to be clear that he covered his tracks, somehow.

Page 229, line 12, FBI choppers do not have "FBI" written on them, it would be one solid color with no lettering.

Page 229, line 7 from the bottom. Although we're famous for being nicely dressed, it's unlikely the agents would be dressed in suits knowing that they were going into the woods.

Page 232, line 9 from the bottom, "broad-shouldered men in business suits"....Agents come in all shapes & sizes. I know a male agent who is 5'3", and I know a female agent who is 6'tall. And they would not be wearing business suits in this setting, (unless, of course, KINCAID ordered them to wear business suits. It has been known to happen).

Page 234, top line. The agents would have (or should have) run Priest's license plate from their car (called it into the office, who in turn would run it from the computer in the office). Is it registered? If so, to whom? It's also possible Priest did not register it, which is only a minor violation, but could cause big problems for Priest at this juncture. Of course, this is all assuming that the agents ran the plate. The also should have checked his driver's license.

Page 244, first line..There is a () by the Metro Theater. This is accurate, the Metro is on Union Street.

Page 244, 2nd line from the bottom. Once again, we don't bring people in for questioning unless they are under arrest. We interview them on the spot, in this case, they would have been interviewed up at Silver Valley. If, as a result of the questioning and the search it was established by a federal prosecutor that there was enough probable cause to make an arrest, THEN individuals would be arrested and brought in for further questioning, assuming of course that they were willing to talk. In other words, it's highly unlikely that they would make any arrest if they found no evidence indicating that someone there committed the crime.

Page 245, line 9 from the bottom...Wasn't it Judy's idea to raid them, back on page 222, line 12? Perhaps this can be mitigated by the fact that Judy would have done more record checks and intelligence gathering on them BEFORE the raid, so now she can safely blame them for the screw up.

Page 246, line 1, ..change headquarters to the office switchboard.

Page 247, line 10...Make sure they are in Judy's personal car, no FBI employee can have any unauthorized personnel in a Bureau car, and her father is not authorized, even though he's a cop.

Page 247, line 4 from the bottom.....change "awkward customer" to "a real jerk to deal with"..or something like that.

Page 252, line 10.....KINCAID would not be able to fire Judy if she interfered in the case, at most he could "write her up" for insubordination, but would not likely fly because Judy is in the right. Being "written up" could be as minor as getting a verbal warning from her supervisor to as severe as having an OPR investigation into the matter. OPR stands for "Office of Professional Review", and is our equivalent of "Internal Affairs". It is run out of FBIHQ in Washington. One can be fired for insubordination, but I've never seen it happen. KINCAID is the type to threaten her with insubordination, but he'd have to know that he alone could not have her fired.

Page 252, last line...instead of having the SFPD do a "national inquiry", have Judy ask her father to do an NCIC check from the SFPD computer. Judy could do this herself, but she wouldn't want to get caught using the FBI office NCIC computer on a case she's not supposed to be working. NCIC stands for NATIONAL CRIME INFORMATION CENTER, run by FBIHQ in Washington. All stolen cars, trucks, guns, and people are listed in the NCIC computer so any law enforcement agency can access information. Of course, it's only as good as the information that is put into it.

Page 253, line 11 from the bottom. MICHAEL should also be asking for her beeper number. She'd hand him a business card and write her home number on it.

Page 255, line 10, change ASAC to Supervisor

Page 256, change Everton's to Liverpool Lil's

Page 256, bottom line. Milton isn't dead, he's still the SAC. He could protect Judy from KINCAID if he wanted to. He could say, "That's dangerous, but I'll step in on your behalf if I have to". Milton wouldn't want to usurp KINCAID'S authority unless he had to, but he seems like the kind of guy who would not let Judy take a hit. One way around this is to make him too sick to intervene, such as one would be with multiple IVs, a naso-gastric tube, etc.

Page 257, line 7, I think that if JUDY noticed the label of the wine, she would have figured out that the vintner might be the extortionist. She's way to smart to let a clue like that go un-noticed. She already knows that the valley was going to be dammed up if the power plant was built, so she'd make the connection. I love the irony, though.

Page 257, line 7. The newspapers would not be the appropriate medium to get the info regarding the seismic vibrator out to cops. Once BO "got a hit" from the NCIC computer that one had been stole, then he would put out a state-wide (possibly a multi-state message) on the "CLETS" computer CALIFORNIA LAW ENFORCEMENT TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM. Photographs can be put on a CLETS MESSAGE also. The FBI would receive the message, but since only Judy knows the significance of the seismic vibrator, the message would be sent by a communications clerk to the Major Theft Squad, who would read it and file it. However, the El Paso FBI office (that covers most of west Texas) probably would have received a call from the company who lost the piece of equipment, reporting it stolen. A piece of equipment that gig would be worth in excess of

\$100,000.00 and the owner would probably as the FBI to open a case on it. El Paso would take the report, and file it after putting it into NCIC.

Page 262, line....(See George)

Page 265, line 9 from the bottom...Did I miss something? What is Judy doing at the Gov's office?

Page 265, last line. Oh, sorry. Never mind previous remark.

Page 269, top paragraph. Somewhere in Judy's explanation of who RICK GRANGER is, she needs to throw in that she tried to run his driver's license, but came up with nothing (because it was a forgery).

Page 270, line 11. Our current Director, Louis Freeh is only 46 years old. How about changing it to"thirty" years?

Page 271, top paragraph. Judy has won a battle, for sure, but in terms of her career, she may have lost a war. KINCAID would make it his business to screw her over every chance he got. Just a thought. BUT I LOVED THE SCENE.

Page 271....about JUDY going on the JOHN TRUTH SHOW: ...move him to San Francisco. MOST IMPORTANTLY, the Bureau does not allow regular agents to talk to the press, we have specially trained media representatives for this (such as GEORGE GROTZ). ASACs and SACs can talk to the press. If an agent talks to the press, they would have to obtain special permission from up above, and then training from the media rep on what and what not to say.

Page 272, line 5. Same problem as above. Besides, Judy is too smart to do this. She might dodge the bullet on what happened in Honeymoon's office with KINCAID, but she would NEVER dodge the bullet on this one. Louis Freeh himself would call her and fire her. Talking to the press without permission is one of our three "Bright Line" issues. If you cross the bright line, you will be punished, NO MITIGATION. They are, 1) Drinking on duty, 2) lying in the course of an investigation, or committing perjury, 3) talking to the press without permission. We (agents) all have to sign a "Bright Line" document stating that we know and understand these issues. So, I don't think Judy would do it. Maybe she could have received permission, AND has the media rep with her during the interview, then it would fly.

Page 272, line 9 from the bottom. We have computers that can take off the beard (or put one on, glasses on or off, etc. Judy would likely have one of these enhanced images with her. A way to get around this is to have the enhanced image be "not too accurate". This could happen since it was created off of the photo of Priest when he was very thin and drawn, not to mention 25 years younger.

Page 272, line 7 from the bottom. She would say the San Francisco Division's phone number over the air, AND say, "We're in the book".

Page 279, line 12, change Everton's to Liverpool Lil's, aka Lil's, OR Pat O'Shea's on Geary Blvd., (where a sign hangs over the door proclaiming, "We cheat tourists and drunks"). No kidding.

Page 288. At this point, the Domestic Terrorism Squad, which we can assume Judy is on, would be assisted by local police departments, U.S. Custom Service, U.S. Federal Protective Service, and they would all sit together in FBI space. This is called the JOINT TERRORIST TASK FORCE and we have one in most of our top twelve offices. Additionally, on a case of this magnitude, FBIHQ would have to be involved. Judy would send a teletype to the Domestic TERRORISM Operational Unit, on the 11th floor of the J.Edgar Hoover building in Washington, D.C. (FBIHQ). Since the threat has been determined to be real, SIOC --pronounced SY-OCK-- (STRATEGIC INFORMATION OPERATIONAL CENTER) would be notified, they would be fully operational, and issuing updates to the various field offices on the situation. SIOC is an information depository and utilized for dissemination of current intelligence data. It is in a bomb-proof area in the Hoover building. Judy could still run the case, but she'd be getting a lot of help from HQ. Also, the office would be buzzing-loudly-about rumors that Judy went one-to-one with KINCAID and won. Agents LOVE rumors. By the end of one day, the original event would be so twisted and distorted...the players wouldn't even recognize it. The rumor mill is a blast. The rumors become highly inaccurate when they involve a female or minority agent.

Page 288, line 6, No smoking in any federal building, smokers (and they are rare) have to go outside. Probably less than one in fifty agents smokes--I know, I used to be one.

Page 290, line 2, SACs and ASACs usually get in early, the actual day starts at 8:15, and we are expected to be in before that.

Page 290, line 8, once again, he wouldn't be smoking in the office. Although I did work for a very arrogant and nasty ASAC several years ago in Chicago who smoked cigars in his office, and the odor drifted through the halls to the near-by squad area. Oddly, no one said a thing.

Page 293, line 9 from the bottom...the Haight-Ashbury district of San Francisco reeks with second-hand record stores, and clerks caught in a time warp who know every label from the sixties and seventies.

Page 298....A WORD ABOUT THE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER (EOC)

At this point, she'd be using the one in the office, as described. But later, after the second quake, she'd need a bigger one because of all the people and special tasks involved (as witnessed by you on 1/14/98 in the Presidio. By the time the second quake occurs, the case would become a Crisis Management Issue. Also, teams would be working around the clock, twelve hour shifts, or longer.

Page 299, line 5 from the bottom. Did I miss something? Why is Raja's name mentioned?

Page 305, top line...The FBI switchboard could not tell if voices were on the line, but they could ask Pacific Bell (PAC BELL) to check for

them.

Page 305, line 4 from the bottom...change headquarters to "the office".

Page 306, line 4 from the bottom...much better to have Judy kick the door in than discharge her weapon, or at least have her try to kick it in BEFORE she shoots. The Berkeley PD would be all over the place within minutes, (the woman she walked in with probably would have called them. It would be a mess, just because she discharged her weapon, not because she broke the door in. Judy would definitely be in fairly serious trouble over it, and KINCAID could nail her for "Bad judgement".

Page 312, line 4, change "bust in" to "burst in."

Page 322, line 8, remove "the" from before Golden Gate Park, and add "at San Francisco" after Cal State University.

Page 324, line 6, where did Star come from? Don't you mean Melanie?

Page 325, line two. No helicopter pad on our roof, but perhaps she'd have access to the one SFPD has, since there would be SFPD cops on the Joint Terrorist Task Force. SFPD is only a few minutes away.

Page 326, line 10 from the bottom. Judy dismisses catching Priest because he is in Oakland. Actually, this is not as great a problem as you think, but this is a critical issue. We would have units in Oakland, and we could use the California Hyway Patrol, Oakland PD, Alameda County Sheriff's Office, etc., to assist us attempting to catch him. One possible scenario....First she makes an educated guess that Priest drove way out of his way to make the phone call and is planning on leaving the gas station immediately..a good guess. After the phone call she does some quick calculations:

From the gas station, Priest would be driving about 60 mph, no faster because he cannot risk being stopped for speeding. It will take a minimum of 20 minutes for the OPD and the CHP, along with Alameda County SO to set up road blocks around the vicinity of the gas station. At a constant speed of 60mph from the station Priest could travel 20 miles. Therefore, to be safe, road blocks should be set up at a 25 mile radius from the gas station. This will include a 50 mile stretch from one end of the radius to the other on route I-880, and all exits from I-880 up to 25 miles from the gas station. Choppers and the FBI aerial surveillance plane could be used also, providing the weather was good. Let's say the weather is bad this night.

Priest encounters a road block covered by two OPD cops, both overweight, middle-aged males who don't take there job too seriously anymore. (Rookies would be too careful). The officers approach the vehicle and ask Priest for his license and registration. As he pretends to be reaching for the glove compartment, he grabs his gun that was on the seat under some papers and shoots the closest cop in the head. His partner, not quick enough to respond, is also shot in the head and killed. (Both of them would have been wearing bullet proof vests, so the killing shots have to be head shots). He escapes and it is several minutes before the incident is reported. Melanie wasn't with him, he

left her back at the warehouse or somewhere else so she doesn't know about the shooting.

Page 327, line 8, as previously mentioned, the repercussions of shooting the door open would be much more severe.

Regarding the shootout with Priest, as we discussed, Judy has to shoot Priest twice (double-tap) AND have a very good reason for **not** making sure he was dead, or she not only would never be promoted, she'd be in deep kimchi for years, (for not following proper procedure). One way to get around this and still have her shoot Priest and turn off the vibrator is for her to be wounded also, with an injury that causes her

to lose blood, (therefore her blood pressure would drop and she would pass out).

One possible scenario is that as Judy opens the door with her right hand, as written, which means she's shooting with her left (weak) hand. We are trained to do this, as one still has to be able to shoot if their "strong" hand takes a bullet. Anyway, how about if Priest shoots her just as she shoots him. Her first bullet hits him in the face, front on, beside his nose. His bullet only grazes her temporal (forehead) area. The flash and noise would be both deafening and terrifying, and the impact of the bullet would cause a concussion. The bleeding from her wound would be profound. In a dazed and confused state, she aims at him again and gets off another round that hits him in the temporal area, also causing tremendous bleeding. Priest passes out after the first bullet hits him. It enters his left cheek, goes through the maxillary antrum, courses through the ethmoid sinuses towards the brain, but is stopped short of entering the brain by the sphenoid sinus plate, the hardest bone in the body. (My brother, Dr. Keith Rosing, actually saw a case like this at L.A. County Emergency Room). The bullet could remain there for the rest of the life of the person-without causing any serious problem, other than he couldn't smell correctly. His grazing temporal wound would bleed a lot, but a pressure dressing could stop the bleeding. A doctor wouldn't even be necessary.

Judy leans over Priest's body, turns off the vibrator and takes out the key. As she goes to check his carotid pulse to make sure he's dead, she passes out and slumps on him. Now Priest comes to and sees Judy bleeding from the head and wrongly thinks that she is dead or on her way to being dead. This explains why he did not kill her then, he assumed she is already dead or dying. He looks in the rear view mirror, sees vehicles coming his way, pushed her off of him and splits. He wraps his shirt around his forehead so as not to leave a trail of blood. This all takes place in a matter of a few seconds. The actual shooting may only take 2-3 seconds.