status of SABOW case

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Dear Dr. Sabow,

I am sorry that I cannot get you what you have wanted for 19 years which is changing your brother's autopsy report to murder and charging someone for murder.

The bottom line is that for this case to proceed as a homicide in Federal District Court, we would have to prove externally caused damage to your brother's scalp and skull. We can prove neither.

We would have to prove that your brother was incapacitated before he was shot by being struck from behind in the head, or strangled from behind or poisoned. We have none of that.

We have strong evidence that he fired a weapon due to the high levels of GSR on his left hand.

We have strong evidence that he was despondent over what he perceived as the loss of his honor and career. He was caught taking 10 military flights for personal use and was pending at least career ending non-judicial punishment.

I am sorry that your attorney led you down a 19 year path of conspiracy theories and drained you of your life savings and took your time and energy.

Most of the people whom you have consulted with on this case would not be fact witnesses in any criminal proceeding, so their statements to you are not useful. They are merely opinions.

There is no place else for me to go with this case. Ethically and professionally, I cannot go after Joseph UNDERWOOD, even though I think he was a bad Marine officer and dishonored the uniform. I think he also may have caused extreme emotional duress to your brother in the hours before his death. I also think UNDERWOOD was relieved by your brother's death because it allowed him to avoid a courts martial and receive only non-judicial punishment and then retire quietly from the USMC.

You are free to speak to an Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) in Santa Ana, CA, and but I cannot do so for you.

Sincerely,
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