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Jefferson B. Sessions  
Attorney General of the United States  
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950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20530-0001

Dear Attorney General Sessions:

Immigration Judge Jesse B. Christensen, appointed by the Obama Administration, dismissed the second removal proceeding against a Russian national with ties to the Chechen Barayev crime organization because the Russian's immigration file had disappeared. (Exhibit A, Avetisyan Dismissal because the Board of Immigration Appeal "does not have the file.")

As a former manager of Kroll Associates in Moscow, Russia, I was aware of crucial files disappearing from government offices in both Russia and Mexico through bribery, but never realized that the practice had apparently reached America under the Obama Administration.

The Russian national is Alina Alexandrovna Shipilina (INA 047-202-363), raised in Grozny, Chechnya, and still living and working in New York City.

On October 1, 2004, the Department of Homeland Security denied her first application for a waiver under the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1186a(c)(4), based on the contents of her file and placed her in a removal proceeding. Her file contained reports from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Drug Enforcement Agency and the Defense Intelligence Agency.

On March 20, 2008, Immigration Judge Paul A. DeFonzo ruled that she be deported. Ms. Shipilina appealed to the B.I.A., which denied her appeal on February 2, 2009. (Exhibit B, B.I.A. decision denying appeal).

While her appeal was still pending, Ms. Shipilina married an American for a second time and subsequently filed once again for a waiver under 8 U.S.C. § 1186a(c)(4). The Department of Homeland Security for a second time denied her application once again based on the contents of her file and placed her in a removal proceeding for a second time.

On March 30, 2012, Immigration Judge Jesse B. Christensen adjourned her removal hearing to June 1, 2012, in order to obtain confirmation that Ms. Shipilina was again appealing to the B.I.A. the Department of Homeland Security's second decision to have her removed.

On June 1, 2012, Immigration Judge Jesse B. Christensen administratively closed the removal proceeding against Ms. Shipilina because B.I.A. “reports it does not have the file.” (Ex. A).

In 2015, the above information was provided to the General Counsel for the D.O.J. Executive Office for Immigration Review and the D.O.J. Inspector General, but given the Obama Administration’s policies, neither took any action.

Perhaps now with you as Attorney General, the Department of Justice may look into this micro-aggression against the rule of law.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

/s/

Roy Den Hollander