

17 MAY 2006 RE-QUOTABLE QUOTES

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ON 17 APRIL 1992, FRIDAY, I WAS ON BOYLSTON STREET, BOSTON ON THE WAY TO PICK UP MY ROOM MATE JOHN CATES AT THE FLEET BANK WHERE HE WORKED. AT THE STOPLIGHT JUST BEFORE THE FLEET BANK I WAS SURROUNDED BY ATF AGENTS AND BOSTON POLICE. I WAS TRANSPORTED TO AREA D IN THE SOUTH END OF BOSTON. IN THE BOOKING ROOM I ASKED WHAT I WAS BEING ARRESTED FOR BUT WAS NOT TOLD. ATF SA AGENT DENNIS LEAHY SAID, "YOU KNOW WHAT THIS IS ABOUT?" I SAID, "NO I'M WAITING FOR YOU TO TELL ME." LEAHY THEN SAID, "I HOPE YOU'VE GOT YOUR LIFE TOGETHER, YOU'RE ABOUT TO SPEND THE REST OF YOUR LIFE IN PRISON." I SAID, "WHAT HAPPENED TO 'WE DON'T CONVICT INNOCENT PEOPLE?'" LEAHY JUST LAUGHED AND SAID, "AL, IF YOU FEEL LIKE TALKING TO ME JUST TELL ONE OF THESE COPS, I'LL BE AROUND ALL WEEKEND."

WHEN I FINALLY GOT TO CALL MY ATTORNEY, TERRY SEGAL, HE TOLD ME THAT I HAD BEEN ARRESTED BECAUSE OF SOME BOUNCED CHECK FROM 1988 OR 1989 TO A STEEL COMPANY IN RHODE ISLAND WHICH TURNED OUT TO HAVE BEEN A BANKING ERROR.

I WAS KEPT IN A CELL AT THE AREA D LOCKUP, MY JACKET WAS TAKEN MY SHOES WERE TAKEN AND THERE WAS NO MATTRESS, ONLY A METAL BED. THE BACK DOOR WAS LEFT OPEN TO MAKE IT NILE AND COLD. I WAS FED A COLD MACDONALDS CHEESBURGER THAT NIGHT, FOR BREAKFAST LUNCH AND DINNER ON SATURDAY AND BREAKFAST ON SUNDAY.

FOR COMPANY SATURDAY THEY PLANTED A MIDDLE AGED MAN POSING AS A DRUNK IN MY CELL, A ONE MAN CELL, ALTHOUGH THERE WERE PLENTY OF EMPTY CELLS. THE MAN ASKED WHY I WAS LOCKED UP, I TOLD HIM BECAUSE OF A BOUNCED CHECK. HE ASKED WHAT ELSE AND I SAID THATS ALL. HE KEPT ASKING WHAT ELSE THEY HAD ON ME AND THAT HE COULD NOT BELIEVE I WAS LOCKED UP FOR A BOUNCED CHECK. HE WENT ON TO SAY I COULD TALK TO HIM BECAUSE HE WAS SOME DRUNK THAT NO ONE LISTENS TO. I TOLD HIM TO GO TO SLEEP AND THAT I DIDN'T FEEL LIKE TALKING. THANK THE STARS I HAD TAKEN TRANSCENDENTAL MEDITATION, I MEDITATED ON AND OFF THE REST OF THE TIME THERE.

I HAD BEEN DENIED BAIL BECAUSE THE FEDS LIED TO THE STATE JUDGE AND SAID I HAD MULTIPLE ARREST WARRANTS AND WAS A FLIGHT RISK. MY ATTORNEY FOUND A JUDGE THAT DISCOVERED THE FABRICATION AND ALLOWED MY BAIL ON SUNDAY. THE FILE PHOTO FROM THE ASSOCIATED PRESS WAS FROM THE 20 APRIL 1992 COURT APPEARANCE ON THAT MONDAY.