

Letter to the Earth First Journal!

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Dear Shit for Brains,

Greetings from MDC Brooklyn — a fortress designed to get those awaiting trial to plead out (or worse, cooperate) due to absurd rules governing every aspect of prisoner life. While I am waiting to be shipped out, I figured I would shoot a letter off to express my heartfelt thanks to the journal and the journal community for the support. Thank you for covering the case (the so called Operation Backfire) so closely and for soliciting (arm twisting) articles from the defendants' support group — every issue. On a personal note, thanks for making sure I always receive the journal on the inside-it's read and enjoyed by many here!

Since I'm constrained by the scant SFB word limit, I'll just touch on probably one of the more controversial topics on people's minds: cooperating witnesses. To simplify matters (and because, sadly, the list is long!), I'll just beg of you to support the people who, in dealing with this case, have shown great integrity and honor: Sadie (Joyanna Zacher), Exile (Nathan Block) and Jonathan Paul. My lawyers have told me that Briana Waters in the Washington case also is not cooperating. Show these people love—they have earned it. As for the others, I'll deal with that later-suffice to say, the time for lies and sneakiness is over.

Keep up the good fight, refuse to become single-issue in your work and don't let them get you down. If I can do it, so can you.

With love behind enemy lines, — DANIEL MCGOWAN

P.S. Free and Avalon — I miss you.

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