

Subject: 18 U.S. Code § 4 - FORMAL NOTICE: DO NOT IGNORE
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Dear Mr. Edelman,

Please be advised that this communication constitutes a formal notice under 18 U.S. Code § 4. **Your attention to its contents is imperative and should not be disregarded.**

My name is Vincent B. Le Corre. We are connected on LinkedIn, and I obtained your email address through our 1st-degree connection on the platform. However, please note that due to a recent unjust suspension of my LinkedIn account, possibly as an attempt to silence me, you may currently be unable to verify our connection directly on the platform, as my profile is inaccessible.

Please kindly confirm receipt of this email using the built-in acknowledgment feature of your email client. If your email client does not support this feature, a simple acknowledgment stating "I've received your email" will suffice. Additionally, I kindly request that you promptly add my email address, vincent@ecthrwatch.org, to your contact list to prevent it from being inadvertently directed to your junk or spam folder. **In the event of no response, I will continue to follow up to ensure acknowledgment of receipt.**

Under 18 U.S. Code § 4, commonly referred to as the "Misprision of felony" statute, any person who has knowledge of the commission of a felony against the United States must report it to a federal judge or other authorized government official. The report must be made as soon as possible, either directly to the authorities or through an intermediary.

As the Principal Assistant Chief, FCPA Unit, Fraud Section, at the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), I believe you qualify as "the authorities" or at the very least as an "intermediary."

I could notify the FBI, and I've already begun this process. However, I am contacting you directly for another crucial reason. I harbor strong suspicions of wrongdoing, whether within the FBI, the DOJ, **or elsewhere.** There are indications that there may be, or may have been, a conspiracy to conceal the serious crimes that have been committed.

After what I've been told in June/July 2023, I now believe that the DOJ may have had knowledge, or ought to have had knowledge, had the procedure been respected, since summer/fall 2019, of McDonald's engagement in a pattern of racketeering activity. It is therefore exceptionally troubling that over the last 4 years, the DOJ has not taken action for asset forfeiture of all of McDonald's Corporation's assets, allowing this criminal entity to continue operating as if it had never committed serious frauds, money laundering, or violated the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations (RICO) Act.

This raises questions about whether the DOJ was properly alerted in summer/fall 2019, as it should have been if procedures were followed. If you require further context, I encourage you to review the details I have provided so far to Empower Oversight Whistleblowers & Research (EMPOWR), which are attached to this email.

EMPOWR is “a nonprofit, nonpartisan educational organization dedicated to enhancing independent oversight of government and corporate wrongdoing. EMPOWR works to help insiders document and report corruption to the proper authorities while also seeking to hold authorities accountable to act on those reports.” You can visit their website at the following address: <https://empowr.us/mission/>

This is one of the reasons for my communication today: before addressing the latest inquiry posed by Tristan Leavitt, President of EMPOWR, I wanted to inform you that you will soon receive emails, in which you will be copied, containing explanations and evidence regarding crimes committed by McDonald’s Corporation and their accomplices.

However, due to the extreme sensitivity of the information I've received, and assuming its veracity, which I currently believe to be true beyond a reasonable doubt, I feel it imperative to seek guidance from EMPOWR or another whistleblower association regarding the correct procedure to alert the appropriate authorities.

The crimes committed by McDonald’s Corporation and their accomplices encompass a range of offenses, spanning from mass-marketing frauds that deliberately target vulnerable demographics, such as children, to money laundering, potential illegal lottery schemes, investor frauds (by failing to disclose known legal risks), and corruption of foreign officials and magistrates. It's important to note that the implicated accomplices extend beyond McDonald’s Corporation, headquartered in Illinois, to encompass their subsidiary companies worldwide. It's also crucial to recognize that U.S. law often applies extraterritorially, underscoring the significance of addressing these crimes comprehensively.

By broadening the scope of officials being alerted and formally notifying them, I am effectively thwarting the potential for these offenses to go unnoticed or be subject to cover-up by certain individuals, whether within the federal government of the United States or within the French government. Additionally, I have already begun notifying various Inspector Generals regarding potential mishandling or misconduct, as detailed in my communication to EMPOWR.

I urge you to diligently read the upcoming emails in which you will be included as a recipient. While some emails may not be directly addressed to you, it is crucial to understand that the information provided is relevant to this case. Therefore, I emphasize the importance of carefully reviewing all correspondence to gain a comprehensive understanding of the situation. **Even if an email is not explicitly directed to you but includes you as a recipient, please consider it pertinent to your jurisdiction and treat it with the same attention as if it were directly addressed to you.** Your thorough attention to these communications is essential.

Furthermore, I invite you to review the entire exchange between myself and EMPOWR, which is attached to this email. Please examine it thoroughly.

To uphold transparency, this communication will be shared on multiple platforms such as ECtHRwatch.org or Federal-Bureau-of-Investigation.com, which is a non-official website on the FBI dedicated to transparency in this extraordinary financial and white-collar criminal case. Please be aware that while your response may also be published online, certain portions may be redacted to safeguard privacy or improve readability.

Yours sincerely,

Vincent B. Le Corre