

# *The Bothwell Letter*

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## **Bothwell Elected Chancellor of Sons of the American Revolution**

The San Francisco Chapter of Sons of the American Revolution on Sept. 24 elected Attorney Tony Bothwell as Chancellor. The vote came on the same day as Bothwell – and his son, Tony Bothwell II of Orangevale, Calif. and brother, Fred Bothwell III of Georgetown, Tex. – were ceremoniously inducted as members. Another son, Tommy Bothwell of Union City, Calif., also admitted to membership, was unable to attend.

The Bothwells, descendants of Capt. Jacob Dreibelbis, who served under General George Washington in the Revolutionary War, were presented with rosette lapel pins of the blue and buff colors of General Washington’s uniform. Fred Bothwell, a West Point graduate and Vietnam veteran, was presented additionally with a red, white and blue cake as the ceremony, at Sinbad’s Restaurant, took place on his birthday. The national Sons of the American Revolution was founded in San Francisco on July 4, 1876.

## **U.S. Court Stops Texas Interference With Federal Rights Investigations**

Acting on a request by Atty. Tony Bothwell, federal authorities on Nov. 19 blocked a move by a county court in Texas to interfere with U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission investigations. Bothwell represents an Asian woman, an Hispanic woman, and an Anglo man in cases pending before the EEOC in Houston. NATCO, an oil and gas services firm that allegedly discriminated and retaliated against its employees, persuaded the Harris County Court in Houston to order Bothwell’s clients to appear for depositions according to Texas law, although their cases were pending before the federal equal opportunity commission.

Bothwell on Oct. 5 asked EEOC attorneys in Houston to intervene on the ground that the U.S. Constitution’s supremacy clause bars a state court from issuing orders in federal cases. The EEOC, in turn, persuaded the U.S. District Court in Houston to issue a temporary restraining order, pursuant to the Civil Rights Act of 1964, thus allowing the federal investigations to proceed free from state interference.

## **CIA Withholds RFK Files as ‘Operational;’ Withholds JFK Files for Undisclosed Reason**

The Central Intelligence Agency is blocking release of key records regarding two suspects in the June 5, 1968 assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy. Attorney Tony Bothwell requested, under the Freedom of Information Act, CIA records generated in May through July 1968 relating to Thane Eugene Cesar and Hank Hernandez. But the CIA’s information and privacy coordinator, Delores Nelson, said in a Sept. 18 letter that 50 U.S. Code section 431 allowed the Director of Central Intelligence to exempt the records as “operational files.” If Cesar and Hernandez had some involvement in CIA operations around the time of RFK’s assassination, “that is all the more reason why the public interest demands disclosure,” Bothwell said today.

Meanwhile, the CIA’s Agency Release Panel is to consider Bothwell’s appeal of withholding of records concerning suspects in the Nov. 22, 1963 assassination of President John F. Kennedy. Bothwell seeks documents generated in October 1963 regarding John Soutre and David Morales – and July 1976 documents regarding Johnny Roselli. Roselli was murdered shortly before he was to give new testimony to the Select Committee chaired by Senator Frank Church in its investigation of rogue CIA operations. In a letter on May 27 announcing the referral to the Agency Release Panel, Nelson disclosed no reason for keeping Soutre, Morales and Roselli records secret but simply said they had not previously been released.

## **New Flight Plan for Pilots’ Litigation**

Lawyers for airline pilots who lost income because of the now-defunct age 60 retirement rule are making preparations to file a new case in federal court. Many of the forcibly retired pilots filed claims that the Federal Aviation Administration has either denied or ignored, thereby giving the pilots standing to sue. *Aviation Daily* on Oct. 13 reported that Atty. Tony Bothwell’s group was “considering what their next move might be,” after the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ended a proposed class-action case.

## **Garamendi, Owens Are U.S. House Victors**

Voters on Nov. 4 chose Democrats in the elections where federal issues were at stake. Supporters of President Obama’s policies won both open U.S. House seats – John Garamendi (10th Distr., Calif.) and Bill Owens (23rd Distr., N.Y.). Backing the John Garamendi campaign, Tony Bothwell wrote to supporters, knocked on doors, phoned voters, and served as a pollwatcher. “John can help actualize President Obama’s promise of economic justice at home and peace in the world,” Bothwell wrote in the Oct. 26 *Vallejo Times-Herald*.

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