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December 8, 2017

Col. Mark Homrig (retired) Section Chief US Department of Homeland Security Washington, DC.

Dear Mr. Homrig,

I am contacting you regarding an article you wrote in 2001 titled "*Transformational Leadership*". I found your article so engaging and practical based on my life in Corporate America that I used it as the basis for both a Presentation and an article for the Project Management Institute (PMI) in 2012.

PMI was notified last week by a web crawler "Retraction.Com" and a reporter, Adam Han that I had plagiarized your article for my own use and never acknowledged your 2001 article. Which was my error.

PMI based on this information is poised to terminate both me and my company Successful Strategies International (REP #2172) as a Registered Education Provider effective December 31, 2017 despite SSI being a reputable REP with PMI for over 10 years.

By suspending SSI as an REP we stand to lose valuable Fortune 100 customers including two of the top ten DOD contractors. Needless to say losing this designation will jeopardize the future of SSI and over 16 people who work for the company.

PMI will revoke the termination if the original author of the plagiarized article grants both PMI and me permission to use it. Like I mentioned earlier I will not pay or bargain with Retraction. Com or Mr. Han since the real party who was harmed was you and I deeply regret my actions.

I am requesting that you send an email or a note to:

Mr. Gregg Shaffer, Manager- REP Program

PMI

14 Campus Blvd., Newton Squire, PA 19073

Gregory. Shaffer@ PMI.org. -----1-855-746-4849

I would be grateful for any assistance.

Very truly yours,

Thomas J. Mattus

President