



THE POLICE COMMISSIONER  
CITY OF NEW YORK

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Dear Monsieur Colliex:

I am writing in response to your request that the New York City Police Department conduct an investigation into the authenticity of an "arrest report" purportedly created by the NYPD as a record of a June, 21, 2006 arrest of M. Romain Serman, the current Consul General of France in San Francisco.

This "arrest report" was published by the Internet news operation *Inner City Press* as a component of a series of articles written by Matthew Russell Lee. These articles claim to expose the arrest of Romain Serman by the NYPD.

An exhaustive search conducted of arrest records, relevant electronic databases and written documents revealed that Romain Serman has never been arrested by the NYPD, or by any local law enforcement agency within New York City. The "arrest report" that the *Inner City Press* has asserted was prepared by the New York City Police Department is counterfeit. The New York City Police Department officially repudiates the "arrest report" of Romain Serman, posted by the *Inner City Press*, as a wholly fabricated document.

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact the office of the Deputy Commissioner of Management Analysis and Planning at telephone number (646) 610-5385.

Thank you for your inquiry and we hope that the information provided will be helpful.

All the best,

  
William J. Bratton  
Police Commissioner