

BBC documentary 'The Whistleblowers; Inside the UN'

For the avoidance of any doubt, and in response to a number of questions I have been asked following release of this documentary I wish to clarify the following:

- 1 The “hands in the pants” audio recording, where Swanson described an indecent **assault** on a female D1, was made in a meeting of all the OIOS investigators in New York in February 2018. To the best of my knowledge; **none of the investigators** present expressed any reservations about the fact nothing was done to even interview the ASG who had assaulted the victim.
- 2 Although there was **speculation** that that ASG – the “*favoured son*” - was Fabrizio Hochschild; that has **never been proved** and in the final analysis; I do not know their identity.
- 3 I believe there are basically only two possible interpretations of the audio recording, either:
 - a) (If Swanson was *telling the truth*) it is evidence of Antonio Gutterres
 - i) being **uninterested** in a serious criminal allegation against one of his senior staff;
 - ii) **not caring** if women in the UN are sexually assaulted, even inside the Headquarters and, therefore
 - iii) being quite happy for the matter to be **covered up** and **NOT** investigated,or, alternatively
 - b) (if Swanson was *lying*) it is evidence of him saying something false and clearly with defamatory intent, to discredit the Secretary-General - **and suffering no consequences for it.**I do not know which it might be, but I do not consider **either** to be acceptable.
- 4 I brought the matter to the attention of the Secretary-General on 7 June 2020 (i.e. *two years ago*) and, regardless of the interpretation of what Swanson said on the tape,
 - a) it is apparent that the Secretary-General did **nothing** about it, and
 - b) it is a matter of public record that Swanson was subsequently **promoted** to be ASG/OIOS in July 2021.
- 5 I stand by the statement that I made on that program; I do believe the UN is **riddled with corruption from bottom to top** – but 'corruption' does not mean bribery *with cash*.
- 6 I worked in OIOS for four years until 2015 when, disgusted with the management of the office and the institutionalised bias in what passes for a “justice system” in the UN; I let my contract expire without seeking its renewal. On the basis of that experience, and of reviewing numerous investigation reports in the years since, I believe OIOS and the other investigative bodies in the UN system to be a large part of the problem and **not** any part of the solution.


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