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Moment of Silence for Missing FBI Agent Robert Levinson Planned for March 7th at 3 PM EST

Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI and FBI Agents Association Join Together to Mark 7th Anniversary of Levinson's Disappearance

Washington, DC: The Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (Society) and the FBI Agents Association (FBIAA) are asking the 20,000 members of both associations to observe a moment of silence on Friday, March 7 at 3:00pm EST to mark the seventh anniversary of the disappearance of former Special Agent Robert Levinson.

Robert "Bob" Levinson is a retired FBI Agent who served 22 years with the FBI and six with the Drug Enforcement Administration. Mr. Levinson traveled to Kish Island, Iran as a private investigator and has not been publicly seen or heard from since his disappearance on March 9, 2007. The FBI, which is charged with investigating crimes committed against U.S. citizens abroad, has been actively conducting an investigation to locate Levinson and is offering a reward of up to \$1,000,000 for information leading directly to his safe location, recovery, and return.

"The moment of silence to be observed on March 7th by the 20,000 retired and active Agents of the Society and the FBIAA is a reminder of the silent drum that will continue to beat until Bob returns home. Bob and his family are part of our FBI family, and they have our unwavering support. We ask anyone with knowledge of his whereabouts to come forward with any information that could bring Bob back home. Seven years is an eternity for a husband, a father, and a grandfather to be away from home," said Society President Ellen Glasser.

"Bob's former colleagues have not forgotten him and we call on the international community to redouble its efforts to gain his release. Let's make this the last solemn anniversary that needs to be marked by focusing world attention on Levinson's continued imprisonment and gaining his release," said FBIAA President Reynaldo Tariche.

The Society and the FBIAA note that Levinson was renowned for his investigative contributions throughout his 22-year career. He retired in 1998 and spent the next 11 years as a private investigator. Levinson's family has not heard anything from his captors since a single videotape released in November 2010 and photographs received in April 2011.

The FBI and the U.S. government are actively engaged in an ongoing effort to bring Bob Levinson home to his family. Reward information and photos of Levinson are posted on www.fbi.gov/levinson. Anyone with information can contact the FBI at <https://tips.fbi.gov> or their nearest FBI office.

The Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation is a professional and fraternal organization of approximately 8,000 members who served with honor as Special Agents of the FBI. The Society focuses on two primary objectives: preserving the FBI heritage in a spirit of friendship, loyalty and goodwill; and aiding and supporting the FBI and law enforcement as positive forces in American society. The Society was founded 76 years ago and is the largest association created specifically for former Federal Law Enforcement Officials.

The FBI Agents Association (FBIAA) is a professional association with a membership of nearly 12,000 active and retired agents nationwide. The FBIAA was founded over three decades ago in response to the growing recognition that agents needed to join together in order to protect and advance the interests of agents both within the Bureau, as well as in the public domain. The FBIAA works diligently to promote and facilitate the intelligent, skillful, and efficient discharge of the professional duties of all FBI agents, and to advance and safeguard the careers, economic interests, conditions of employment, and welfare of active and retired FBI agents.