

Statement of Fran Sepler
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The conclusions reached about the intent of my text message are understandable because Aly Raisman wasn't aware that USA Gymnastics had not told me about Aly's post-interview telephone call. I was not advised that Aly had requested another meeting with me or that Aly wanted to share more information, clarify her prior statements or provide additional names. Had I been made aware of Aly's phone call or apprised in any other way that Aly wanted to share more information, I would have jumped on a plane immediately to re-interview her. But that never happened because I wasn't aware that Aly had more she wanted to say.

The only information I received from USA Gymnastics after the interview was that Aly wanted to initiate her own inquiry with other athletes. I was told Aly wanted me to know that she would make calls on my behalf to other athletes. Based on that, I texted Aly thanking her for her interest, but explained to her that the investigative process was underway. I did not intend to silence Aly or anyone else and I was never told to do so. I am the one who pursued the interview with the third athlete within days after my interview with Aly leading to my conclusion -- which I immediately reported to USA Gymnastics -- that abuse had occurred and needed to be reported to law enforcement.

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