

Edward M. Scott v. U.S. General Accounting Office

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Before: Feigenbaum, Presiding Member

Reprisal

Prohibited Personnel Practices

Performance Appraisal

DECISION OF THE PRESIDING MEMBER

Petitioner Edward M. Scott is a GS-13 Evaluator in the GAO (Agency) Norfolk Regional Office (NRO). The preliminaries of this case are described in my decisions of October 24 and December 24, 1985 concerning the Agency's motion that the petition be dismissed.

Hearing in this case was held in Norfolk on March 4 and 5, 1986. Both parties were present at the hearing--petitioner was represented pro se--and they were given full opportunity to examine and cross-examine witnesses and to offer evidence. The Agency filed a written brief. Petitioner declined to do so and elected to make oral closing argument at the hearing.

BACKGROUND

Petitioner has been an employee of the Agency since 1964 and of the NRO since 1975. On August 10, 1983, he gave a written statement in connection with a discrimination complaint which had been filed by another NRO employee, Angelia McGhee. Ms. McGhee filed the complaint after resigning when faced with an Agency-proposed action to terminate her during her probationary period. The Grievant's statement spoke favorably of his knowledge of Ms. McGhee's work performance.

In July 1984 Petitioner was rated under the 1984 Merit Selection Plan (MSP). On August 15, 1984, he filed a discrimination complaint with the Agency's Civil Rights Office (CRO) alleging that he had received a low score on one of the eight MSP job dimensions, "Maintaining Effective Working Relationships and Equal Opportunity", in reprisal for the favorable testimony he had given on Ms. McGhee's behalf. (There were other issues stated in the complaint, and additional issues subsequently raised before the Personnel Appeals Board (PAB)). As a result of my decisions of October 24 and December 24, 1985, referred to above, the only issue before me concerns whether reprisal was involved in Petitioner's 1984 MSP rating on the job dimension of "Maintaining Effective Working Relationships and Equal Opportunity."

The CRO investigated Petitioner's complaint, which culminated in an Agency finding of no discrimination on February 14, 1985. (Petitioner's Exhibit #7.) Shortly after filing the complaint with the CRO, Petitioner filed a petition with the PAB (August 24, 1984). The PAB General Counsel informed Petitioner that the

petition was premature, and on November 21, 1984--more than 80 days after he had filed the complaint with the CRO-- Petitioner asked the General Counsel to process his petition. The General Counsel investigated the petition and concluded in his Report and Recommendations, dated July 2, 1985, "...that there is no reasonable evidence to support a prima facie case of reprisal for Petitioner's participation in the McGhee case." (Petitioner's Exhibit #9.)¹

DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

In order to find reprisal against Petitioner, the record must show that:

1. he engaged in prohibited activity,
2. management was aware of the prohibited activity,
3. adverse personnel actions were subsequently taken against him, and
4. those actions were taken as a result of the prohibited activity.

Each of these factors will now be discussed.

1. Protected activity. It is not disputed that Petitioner's testimony on behalf of Ms. McGhee was protected and could form no legitimate basis for a personnel action adverse to him. Thus, this first factor is established.

2. Management awareness of protected activity. The MSP panel that rated Petitioner in July 1984 was composed of the NRO's three Assistant Regional Managers (ARMs): Jack Arnold, Joe B. Stevens, and Ernest Taylor. Petitioner alleges that all three were aware of the fact that he had given testimony favorable to Ms. McGhee.

Petitioner testified that during the time Ms. McGhee's complaint was being investigated, a number of people who reported to Mr. Arnold in the chain of command were conducting inquiries and "information gatherings" on the subject. (Tr. v.1, pp.122-124.) In this connection, Petitioner mentioned the names of Dudley Roache, James Windschitl, Clifford Spruill, Richard Payne and Leo Jessup. Petitioner asserted that, as a result of these information gatherings, Mr. Arnold knew the position Petitioner had taken with respect to the McGhee case and that Petitioner had advocated that she file a complaint. (Tr. v.1, pp.123, 149-151, 160-162, 164).

With respect to how Messrs. Stevens and Taylor would have become aware of his role in the McGhee case, Petitioner stated that Mr. Spruill, who was EEO officer at the time, told him that as part of his EEO duties, Mr. Spruill kept a file on information he had gathered about the McGhee case in his desk. One day he unlocked his desk, took out the file and saw inside a picture that belonged to an employee of the NRO who worked for one of the ARMs. (Tr. v.1, p.163.) Petitioner also stated that Mr. Taylor's management assistant at the time, Gary Phillips, worked in close proximity to Cora Bowman and Thomas Pantelides, who, he said, were the only two other NRO employees who had testified on Ms. McGhee's behalf. Petitioner stated that Mr. Phillips would have been able to hear anything they would have said to each other or to other persons. Petitioner also testified that he had openly encouraged Ms. McGhee to file a complaint and that "... communications being what they are, I personally have no doubt that it got back." (Tr. v.1, p.164.)

Petitioner's other witnesses were John Stanley, who supervised Petitioner for much of the time he worked at the NRO, and fellow workers Joseph Holland, Jeffrey Overton, Ms. Bowman, Mr. Pantelides and Mr. Spruill. Mr. Stanley was familiar with inquiries of Ms. McGhee's work made by Mr. Windschitl. He said these were made within about a month of the time she left the NRO. However, he did not recall any inquiries by either Messrs. Payne or Roach. (Tr. v.1, pp.16, 17.) No one had talked to Mr. Stanley about Petitioner's charges that he, Ms. Bowman and Mr. Pantelides had received low ratings because of their testimony on behalf of Ms. McGhee. Mr. Stanley stated that he knew that several persons had urged Ms. McGhee to file a complaint, but he was not certain that Petitioner was one of them. (Tr. v.1, pp.27, 35.)

Mr. Holland stated the he was aware, from talk he had heard in the office, that Petitioner had encouraged Ms. McGhee to file a complaint, but did not believe that this was general knowledge. (Tr. v.1, p.43.)

Ms. Bowman had also filed a discrimination complaint about the 1984 rating she received from the MSP panel. The Agency made a finding of no discrimination (Agency Exhibit #7 is a determination concerning the complaints by both Petitioner and Ms. Bowman) but she did not appeal that finding. She stated that no training coordinator had come to a jobsite to discuss Ms. McGhee's work with her and she had no recollection of inquiries made by Mr. Windschitl about Ms. McGhee's work. She also said she had been asked no questions by either Messrs. Roache or Payne. (Tr. v.1, pp.77-80.) She also said that she did not have any knowledge that Petitioner encouraged Ms. McGhee to file a complaint. (Tr. v.1, p.72.)

Mr. Pantelides also received a low score from the 1984 MSP panel on the factor of "Maintaining Effective Working Relationships and Equal Opportunity." However, he did not appeal the rating. He did not recall Petitioner's encouraging Ms. McGhee to file a complaint. He said that Mr. Windschitl spoke to him about Ms. McGhee's work, but he was unaware of any inquiries made by Messrs. Payne, Roache or Spruill. (Tr. v.1, pp.89-91.)

Mr. Overton stated that he had no knowledge that Petitioner had encouraged Ms. McGhee to file a complaint. He said he had been aware of some information gathering concerning Ms. McGhee's work and he recalled speaking to Mr. Jessup and Mr. Spruill. (Tr. v.1, pp.105, 106.)

Mr. Spruill was on military leave at the time of the hearing and could not be available to testify. Petitioner was granted permission to submit interrogatories from Mr. Spruill. These are hereby incorporated in the record as Petitioner's Exhibit #17. The gist of the interrogatories follows.

Mr. Windschitl, who reported to Mr. Arnold, and Mr. Jessup, who reported to Mr. Windschitl, both had occasion to develop information about Ms. McGhee's work performance in their jobs as Professional Development Coordinator and Training Coordinator, respectively. Mr. Spruill had been EEO Counselor during part of the period involving the McGhee case and had kept a file on the case in one of his desk drawers which he kept locked. He said he had no specific reason to believe that the drawer had been "rifled" except that one day he found "extraneous material" in it which he was certain he had not put there. That material was a picture of an employee (Tom Stevenson) who worked for Mr. Arnold.

Before the investigation of the McGhee case began, Mr. Spruill had looked into it and had informed Mr. Stevens, at the time the acting regional manager, of the views of the people involved.

[Petitioner]: Would I be one of those people? Spruill: You were one of those people who had worked with Angelia McGhee, and I did talk to you about her performance.

[Petitioner]: So, in essence you would talk to people about her performance and would tell Joe

Stevens, the EEO Officer, who was also the Acting Regional Manager at that time, and you told him that you had spoken to me about her and that I had spoken, positively, about her performance?

Spruill: Yes. ...

[Petitioner]: So you would have told Joe Stevens names, like "I spoke to this supervisor, whose name is ... and he/she was favorable or unfavorable about her?" Spruill: Yes.

[Petitioner]: So Joe Stevens would know, by name, who was speaking positively for Angelia McGhee? Spruill: And if I didn't specify names in the discussion with him, he should have been aware of the jobs I was talking about, and who was on those jobs. Mr. Spruill was not sure he had spoken about Ms. McGhee to Mr. Phillips, who, at the time, was in transition to becoming Mr. Taylor's management assistant.

The three ARMs denied knowledge of efforts by Petitioner on behalf of Ms. McGhee. In a written statement dated October 17, 1984, made for the investigation conducted for the CRO, Mr. Arnold stated the following:

... I have never been privy to any of the affidavits or testimony made in the McGhee case and was unaware of the nature of [Petitioner's] testimony or other testimony at the time the 1984 assessment panel met. Further, I have never discussed the McGhee case with [Petitioner], Cora Bowman or Tom Pantelides. (Tab 6 of Agency Exhibit #13.)

Mr. Arnold did not testify at the hearing. In an affidavit dated December 30, 1985, Mr. Arnold stated he was retiring the next day and that because of health and stress considerations he did not travel. In a January 3, 1986, Request for a Ruling Regarding Unavailable Witness, the Agency stated that Mr. Arnold was permanently relocating to Tennessee and would be unable to attend the hearing. The Agency asked that, in lieu of personal testimony by Mr. Arnold, it be allowed to submit his sworn statement of October 17, 1984.

Petitioner had all along wanted Mr. Arnold as a witness and, at a February 4, 1986, prehearing conference indicated that this continued to be the case. I decided to hold a ruling on the matter in abeyance and said that Petitioner would be given an opportunity to renew his request for Mr. Arnold after the other witnesses had testified, and I would make my ruling then. On March 7, 1986, Petitioner wrote to me saying he had decided not to ask Mr. Arnold to testify but would do so when Petitioner appealed to the U.S. Court of Appeals. By letter of March 24, 1986, I informed Petitioner that he would not be able to call Mr. Arnold at the Court of Appeals and gave Petitioner another opportunity renew his request. Instead, Petitioner asked to be allowed to send written interrogatories to Mr. Arnold, which was permitted. Petitioner did so, but received no answer from Mr. Arnold.

Mr. Taylor also submitted an affidavit on October 17, 1984, in connection with the McGhee investigation. Mr. Taylor denied any reprisal against Petitioner and said that he did not know that Petitioner had been a witness in the McGhee case when he served on the NRO assessment panel in July 1984. He said he did not learn that Petitioner had been a witness until August 22, 1984. (Tab 8 of Agency Exhibit #13.)

Mr. Taylor testified at the hearing. He stated that he was not aware of Petitioner's involvement in the McGhee case at the time he served on the 1984 assessment panel. He said that there had been no mention, before or during panel deliberations, of the McGhee case or of Petitioner's role in it. He did learn that Petitioner gave a statement on behalf of Ms. McGhee a month later in a meeting with the NRO Regional Manager and the other ARMs. Prior to that he had heard no talk in the office regarding the case and he was not aware that Petitioner had encouraged Ms. McGhee to file a complaint. (Tr. v.2, pp.75, 84, 90.) Mr.

Taylor did say that Mr. Jessup had been designated to visit the sites of younger staff members and that at the time of the McGhee case, some special attention was given to assure she received good supervision and fair ratings. (Tr. v.2, pp.89, 90.)

Mr. Stevens, in his affidavit of October 18, 1984, categorically denied any reprisal on his part and stated that he was unaware of Petitioner's testimony in the McGhee case and that the case was not considered or discussed during the panel assessment process. (Tab 7 of Agency Exhibit #13.) At the hearing, Mr. Stevens testified that, at the time of the July 1984 assessment panel he had been aware that Petitioner was to be interviewed as part of the investigation of the McGhee case, but had no knowledge of the substance of his testimony. Mr. Stevens said that he had heard no gossip in the office about the McGhee case or about employees who had given statements to the investigator in the case. He denied any knowledge that Petitioner had encouraged Ms. McGhee to file a complaint. He also said that there had been no discussion among panel members about Petitioner giving a statement to the investigator and asserted that Petitioner's role in the McGhee case had played no role in the rating he had given him. (Tr. v.2, pp.115-117, 120.) Mr. Stevens said he was unaware of any information gathering done by Mr. Windschitl, Mr. Jessup or Mr. Roache, specifically in connection with Ms. McGhee prior to late August 1983. He did say he was aware that there were procedures for the making of on-site visits to all first-year professionals, to discuss their progress with supervisors and assess their performance. (Tr. v.2, pp.122-126.)

Mr. Phillips testified that he discussed the McGhee case twice with Mr. Taylor. The first time was in August 1983, when he informed Mr. Taylor, who was going to become his supervisor, that he had to go to Washington to speak to the investigator in the case. The only other time he discussed the case with him was one year later when Mr. Taylor told him that Petitioner had filed a complaint which named Mr. Taylor. At that time Mr. Taylor told him that he had not even known of Petitioner's involvement in the McGhee case. Mr. Phillips said he had never discussed Petitioner's involvement in the case with the other ARMs and had himself not been aware of such involvement. Mr. Phillips said he had not heard any office talk or gossip about persons who had given statements in the case and that he had not overheard any conversations by Ms. Bowman or by others regarding the McGhee case. (Tr. v.2, pp.146-148, 151.)

Mr. Phillips said he was unaware of any information gathering by Mr. Windschitl about the McGhee case, but was aware of inquiries made by Mr. Jessup. He said these were made prior to Ms. McGhee's resignation. (Tr. v.2, P.150, 151.)

There is no evidence in the record to indicate that any of the ARMs were made aware of the particulars of the statement Petitioner made on Ms. McGhee's behalf during the investigation of her discrimination complaint, or that Petitioner had urged her to file a discrimination complaint. Nor is there, except for Mr. Spruill's interrogatories, evidence to show that any of the ARMs were knowledgeable that Petitioner had a favorable view of Ms. McGhee's work. On the matter of having encouraged Ms. McGhee to file a complaint, only one of Petitioner's witnesses, Mr. Overton, said he was aware that Petitioner had done so. He went on to state that he did not believe this was general knowledge in the office.

A reading of the record which is most favorable to Petitioner indicates that there were channels of communication which could have informed the ARMs of the fact that Petitioner took a favorable view of Ms. McGhee's work performance. If Mr. Spruill's interrogatories are fully credited, then it can be said that Mr. Stevens knew, having been informed by Mr. Spruill, that Petitioner had spoken positively of Ms. McGhee's work performance.

Beyond this link to Mr. Stevens, there is no clear evidence to show that the other ARMs knew of Petitioner's leanings. Various persons named by Petitioner--Jessup, Payne, Roache, Windschitl--might have known of Petitioner's views and might have reported them to Mr. Arnold. However, there is no evidence to show that they did so and none were called as witnesses.² The photo of Mr. Stevenson in Mr. Spruill's desk falls short of being proof of anything.

There is no evidence at all to indicate knowledge by Mr. Taylor of Petitioner's views regarding Ms. McGhee. Mr. Phillips denied having conveyed such information to Mr. Taylor or to the other panel members and said he himself was unaware of Petitioner's involvement. Assuming that Mr. Stevens did know of Petitioner's favorable view of Ms. McGhee, he might have shared this information with Mr. Arnold and Mr. Taylor. However, Mr. Stevens and Mr. Taylor both specifically denied that the McGhee case was discussed by the panel members, and both denied hearing office gossip about the matter.

Based on all of the above, it is my judgment that even the most favorable reading of the record does not support Petitioner's assertions that all three panel members were well aware of his position with regard to the McGhee case. At most, Mr. Stevens may have been so aware.

3. Adverse personnel action. Petitioner's 1984 MSP rating on "Maintaining Effective Working Relationships and EEO" was 3.3. This was the average of the scores given by Mr. Arnold (3), Mr. Stevens (3) and Mr. Taylor (4). Under the MSP, the lowest score that can be given is 1, with 7 the highest. Petitioner's score of 3.3 was the lowest given to any of the GS-13's in the NRO.

The Agency has argued that a rating on one job dimension does not constitute a personnel action under 5 U.S.C. 2302(a)(2) (A). Also, even if Petitioner had received the highest possible score of 7, he still would not have made the best qualified list. (Agency brief, p.14.)

I cannot agree with the Agency's reasoning. The definition of a personnel action contained in Section 2302(a)(2)(A) includes "a promotion." The first sentence of Order 2335.8 (Agency Exhibit #1) states that the purpose of the MSP is to identify and select employees for promotion to GS-13 through GS-15 in the evaluator and evaluator-related occupations.

The fact that a higher score on the job dimension at issue would not have placed Petitioner on the best qualified list is irrelevant. The important point is that his rating under the MSP, as a totality, and for each of the job dimensions, was integrally related to his opportunities for promotion. Thus, such a rating is a personnel action covered by 5 U.S.C. 2302(a) (2)(A).

4. Connection between the protected activity and the personnel actions. Petitioner made the point, at the hearing, that none of the three ARMs ever visited him at a jobsite. That may not be precisely correct because Mr. Taylor testified he had done so twice. (Tr. v.2, p.85.) Nevertheless, the record amply supports the general point made by Petitioner that such visits were rare. Because of this, Petitioner asserts that the panel members had no direct knowledge of his work and had "...formed their opinions and judgments [of his work] on who knows what." (Tr. v.1, pp.119, 120.)

...They have no personal knowledge of what I've done and how I've done it. That doesn't leave knowledge. It leaves judgment. Judgment based on what? I know what. At least I think I know what. (Tr. v.1, p.126.)

Ms. Carolyn Boyd, an employee of the Agency's personnel office testified that MSP panel members had to be from the local unit, one grade higher than the employees being assessed, and subject matter experts. However, there was no requirement that they visit jobsites and have personal knowledge of the employees being assessed. The panel's assessment was essentially based on a review of three documents: the employee profile (Form 537), the annual assessment (Form 67A), and the end of assignment performance appraisals (Form 563). Forms 537 and 67A were prepared by the employee; Forms 563 were filled out by the employee's supervisor at the end of each assignment. In addition, if a panel member had a personal knowledge of the employee he was to share that with the other members. (Tr. v.2, pp.22-27, 49, 50.)

As stated above, both Mr. Taylor and Mr. Stevens denied that there was any discussion of the McGhee case among the panel members. Mr. Taylor said his rating of Petitioner was based on the documentation provided to the panel and Mr. Taylor's judgment as to how he would perform at the next higher grade level in comparison to his peers. (Tr. v.2, pp.75-77.) Mr. Taylor explained that the higher scores he gave to other employees on the job dimension in question was based on the data contained in the documentation for those employees, in contrast to the data available for Petitioner. He asserted that the information in Petitioner's employee profile was brief and also that Petitioner's supervisory appraisals for the three-year period covered by the 1984 panel rating were lower than those of other employees. (Tr. v.2, pp.79-81.) In response to a question from Petitioner as to whether his supervisory appraisals were at the exceptional level prior to the McGhee case and subsequently declined, Mr. Taylor said that Petitioner's supervisory appraisals were as follows:

October 1981-January 1982	Exceptional
January 1982-April 1982	Exceptional
April 1982-July 1982	Exceptional
July 1982-June 1983	Fully successful
March 1983-June 1983	Fully Successful
April 1983-December 1983	Superior
December 1983-June 1984	Fully Successful

(Tr. v.2, p.92, Agency Exhibit #7.)

Mr. Stevens testified that his rating of Petitioner on the job dimension in question was based particularly on his employee profile and the supervisory appraisals. He saw a downward trend on the appraisals and said there was little in the employee profile to indicate that Petitioner believed that he excelled on that dimension. Using these and the assessment, and ranking Petitioner against his peers, Mr. Stevens felt he belonged in the lower part of the group. (Tr. v.2, p.117-120.)

Mr. Stevens said he could not recall ever visiting one of Petitioner's jobsites in the more than eight years he, Mr. Stevens, had been in the NRO. He also said it was not necessary for him to have done so in order to rate him properly under the MSP, that this could be done largely through documentation. (Tr. v.2, p.131.)

There is no evidence whatsoever in the record that would show a causal connection between Petitioner's role in the McGhee case and the rating he received from the 1984 MSP panel. The MSP process did not require panel members to have direct knowledge of the persons they rated. Instead, their primary source of information was the documentation prepared by the employees and their supervisors. Petitioner has implied that in the absence of direct knowledge, panel members used something else, presumably a desire to retaliate against him. However, this has not been shown. Petitioner has also pointed to the fact that his ratings prior to the McGhee case were higher than those afterwards. The presumed implication of this allegation is that the latter appraisals were influenced, for the worse, by the McGhee case. However, none of those appraisals were made by any of the three ARMs. (Agency Exhibit #7.)

Petitioner's rating on the job dimension in question in July 1983 was 3.7. (Agency Exhibit #3.) His rating in July 1984 was 3.3. (Agency Exhibit #2.) In both years Petitioner's score was the lowest of his peers.

There were three other NRO employees who testified on behalf of Ms. McGhee and seven who testified against her. The three other employees who supported Ms. McGhee suffered an average loss of .5 from their 1983 to 1984 ratings. Petitioner's loss was .4. Of the seven who had testified against Ms. McGhee, the record does not contain scores for two employees who were above the GS13 level. Of the other five, one employee's score remained unchanged, while four suffered an average loss of .63. Of these four, one had a loss of .9 and another a loss of 1.0. (Agency Exhibit #13.)

Mr. Arnold was the only one of the ARMs who had been named as a party in the McGhee action. (Agency Exhibit #13, p.6.) He rated Petitioner at 3 in 1983 and 1984. In both years this was the lowest rating given by Mr. Arnold, and Petitioner was one of two persons who received that rating each year. In 1983, the lowest rating given by Mr. Taylor was a 4 and it was given to Petitioner and two others. In 1984, the lowest rating he gave was again a 4, and it was given to Petitioner and five others. Mr. Stevens did not take part in the 1983 MSP panel. He gave Petitioner a 3 in 1984. That was the lowest rating he gave and Petitioner was the only recipient. (Agency Exhibit #4 and #5.)

The above indicates that the rating received by Petitioner in 1984 was lower than that received in 1983. However, this was not unique to him. Most of the employees who gave testimony in the McGhee case, whether for or against her, also suffered a drop in their ratings. The ratings of two of the employees who testified against Ms. McGhee dropped more than that of Petitioner. Further, the two ARMs who rated Petitioner in 1983 and 1984 gave him the same rating on the job dimension each year.

My analysis of this data assumes the 1983 ratings as a basepoint uncontaminated by the McGhee case. From that perspective, there is clearly no showing that Petitioner's rating was the result of reprisal. At the hearing Petitioner, for the first time, attempted to cast the 1983 ratings in doubt. He pointed to the information-gathering activities by various persons and said that the 1983 MSP panel members were aware of his involvement in the McGhee case at the time of the 1983 assessment even though he had not yet given his testimony to the investigator. (Tr. v.1, p.131.)

However, the fact is that Petitioner did not file a complaint about his 1983 rating. Further, his affidavit of September 20, 1984, stated his view "...that the '84 BARS³ assessment was the first meaningful opportunity management had to really 'punish' me (and others) for my participation in the McGhee case." (Tab 3 of Agency Exhibit #13.) This makes it evident that Petitioner accepted, at least at the time that he filed the complaint, that his 1983 rating had not been a management attempt to punish him.

ORDER

It is my conclusion that the record will not support a finding that Petitioner's rating on the job factor "Maintaining Effective Working Relationships and Equal Opportunity" was given in reprisal for his testimony in the McGhee case. I, therefore, order that the petition is denied.

Notes

1. The PAB General Counsel's Report and Recommendations are privileged documents not provided to the Agency or to the PAB. Petitioner was advised of the privileged nature of the communication at the hearing before it was offered into evidence. (Transcript, v.1,p. 128.) Pen and ink comments on the exhibit are those of Petitioner. (Tr. v.1, pp.137,138.)
2. The record indicates that Mr. Windschitl retired in 1983 (Tr. v.2, p.122.)
3. BARS is an acronym for "Behaviorally Anchored Rating Scales." These scales were used as a guide by the panel for rating employees under the MSP.