

Foster-Rosenberg-FBI

Atlantic: Although Rosenberg would **later deny** ever having identified him publicly or privately, the specific details of her “Portrait” made it clear she had a particular **suspect in mind**: Steven Hatfill.

Foster says he met Rosenberg over lunch in April 2002, “compared notes,” and “found that our evidence had led us in the same direction.” Weeks dragged on while he and Rosenberg tried to **interest the FBI** in their theories, but the bureau remained “stubbornly unwilling to listen.” Two months later, her “patience exhausted,” Rosenberg, according to Foster, met on Capitol Hill with Senate staff members “and laid out the evidence, such as it was, hers and mine.” Special Agent Van Harp, the senior FBI agent on what by then had been dubbed the “Amerithrax” investigation, was summoned to the meeting, along with other FBI officials.

Rosenberg criticized the FBI for not being **aggressive enough**. “She thought we were **wasting efforts and resources** in a particular—or in several areas, and should focus more on who she concluded was responsible for it,” Harp would later testify.

Did she mention Dr. Hatfill’s name in her presentation?” Hatfill’s attorney, former federal prosecutor Thomas G. Connolly, asked Harp during a sworn deposition.

“That’s who she was talking about,” Harp testified.

Exactly a week after the Rosenberg meeting, the FBI carried out its first search of Hatfill’s apartment, with **television news cameras broadcasting it live**.

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