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On April 2, 2008, an interview was conducted under the [redacted] at the United States Attorney's Office in Anchorage, Alaska. The following individuals were present at the meeting: [redacted] and his attorney, [redacted] Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI); Assistant United States Attorneys (AUSA) [redacted] and [redacted] as well as Department of Justice (DOJ) Attorneys [redacted] and [redacted] At the the start of the meeting, [redacted] and his attorney [redacted] voluntarily provided the following information:

[redacted] was born in [redacted] Alaska and spent a few years [redacted] graduated from the [redacted] with a Bachelor of Arts degree in [redacted] b6 -4 b7C -4 b7D -1 He briefly attended [redacted] After college [redacted] and took a job briefly at [redacted]

[redacted] FRANK MURKOWSKI'S campaign in 1986 and 1992. [redacted] for DON YOUNG, Alaska Congressman, in [redacted] YOUNG's campaign in 1996 [redacted] left YOUNG's campaign staff [redacted] interviewing with DON and LU YOUNG, as well as [redacted] YOUNG's Congressional office.

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[redacted] fund-raising events, [redacted] YOUNG's schedule with the Washington, D.C. (DC) office. [redacted] the AK campaign office [redacted]

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[redacted] after it became known that [redacted] under investigation by the FBI. [redacted] the media as it relates to YOUNG's campaign. [redacted] never spoke to YOUNG directly about this issue.

[redacted] All of YOUNG's travel, including the Congressional Delegation (CODEL) trips are arranged by YOUNG's DC office. [redacted] a schedule from the DC office regarding YOUNG's planned travel.

LU YOUNG's travel is paid for by campaign funds. The YOUNGs use a Oklahoma based travel agency to arrange all of their travel. The travel agency is [redacted] has the campaign credit card account number and charges the account directly for all travel linked to the campaign.

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Campaign funds cover the costs associated with signage, permits for signs, fund raising expenses, lodging costs associated with the campaign, and travel expenses for LU YOUNG as well as staff members who travel with LU YOUNG.

[redacted] previously lived in Alaska, [redacted] at the time [redacted] to begin working for the YOUNGs. [redacted] taking care of LU YOUNG. [redacted] after LU YOUNG's stroke [redacted] the YOUNGs. [redacted] job description is also responsible for three topic areas including [redacted] was unable to recall the other two topic areas for which [redacted] is responsible. [redacted] has never seen [redacted] do any type of constituent work. [redacted]

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LU YOUNG can't be left alone because she has a tendency to fall and her vision is poor. She is unable to drive, and does not like to be by herself. [redacted] is of the opinion that she needs a full-time medical aide. LU YOUNG goes to the DC congressional office every day with YOUNG. The YOUNGs typically arrive at the DC office at 11:00 am. LU YOUNG has her own desk and screens people coming into the office. LU YOUNG is very hard on staff members and has described herself as a savage Athabascan for decades. She is not healthy, [redacted] LU YOUNG sees herself as the elected official, and wants to be recognized at every function she attends. She gets very upset if YOUNG forgets to introduce her. DON and LU YOUNG have a loving relationship, but frequently have volatile arguments.

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On one occasion, LU YOUNG became very upset with [redacted] YOUNGs' condominium upon their arrival in Alaska. LU YOUNG has a sense of entitlement about most things and can be very mean when she doesn't get her way. LU YOUNG insisted on having crackers, cheese, Lindeman 65 wine, and ginger ale. The YOUNGs don't think they should have to pay for anything when they are in Alaska including dinners, laundry, and dry cleaning. Anytime the YOUNGs have dinner with constituents [redacted] the cost of the dinner is picked up by the campaign. The YOUNGs would [redacted] pile of receipts including receipts for their own dinners and ask for reimbursement. [redacted] previously paid the receipts without question as well. Over the course of the last [redacted] Lately, they have not been [redacted] stopped on the advice of counsel after [redacted] the campaign.

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[redacted] previous incident in which LU YOUNG wanted her daughter flown to a campaign event [redacted] on whether LU YOUNG was entitled to per diem expenses from the campaign. There was no doubt [redacted] that the expenses LU YOUNG was submitting were inappropriate, and it was a common topic of discussion in the

office. [redacted]

On one occasion [redacted] the receipts LU YOUNG was requesting reimbursement for, YOUNG's response [redacted]

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[redacted] YOUNG rarely apologizes. [redacted] does not know if YOUNG sees the expenses submitted by LU YOUNG. LU YOUNG has a checking account at [redacted] reimburses LU YOUNG directly by check, so there will be a record of the transaction. [redacted]

The campaign requires two signatures on checks of $500.00 and greater. [redacted]

LU YOUNG was reimbursed for meals with friends, family, and constituents. Some of her favorite restaurants include Lucky Wishbone, Sea Galley, and Simon and Seafort's. YOUNG also submitted receipts for dinner. Some of the YOUNGs' friends and family [redacted]

[redacted] YOUNG served as Chairman of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee from 2002-2008. There was a portrait unveiling in DC associated with this honor. LU YOUNG wanted family members to attend the event in DC. She thought this travel expense should be considered a campaign expense. Arrangements were made in 2002 for the YOUNG family to travel from Anchorage to DC on a FEDEX jet at a cost of $17,000.00 for approximately thirteen people. LU YOUNG requested payment for the travel costs. [redacted] YOUNG knew of the arrangements and that the costs were covered by the campaign.

YOUNG treated any travel to Alaska as campaign related. In addition, when LU YOUNG takes constituents to the Capitol

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Hill Club, she submits receipts to the campaign for reimbursement. YOUNG has a Suburban sports utility vehicle which stays parked in the Congressional garage. [redacted] typically sent a check request [redacted] on a monthly basis requesting reimbursement for mileage from campaign funds. [redacted] late in reimbursing the mileage request, YOUNG would call. The campaign is no longer reimbursing for mileage. [redacted] looking after LU YOUNG.

[redacted] both DON and LU YOUNG routinely obtained [redacted] from the campaign account in the amount of $300 dollars each when they traveled to Anchorage. The [redacted] stopped within the last year on advice of counsel. [redacted] YOUNG that he could no longer [redacted] YOUNG appeared to be upset and irritated by this, and advised he would discuss it with Adkins & Gump. The money was for tips and incidental expenses. YOUNG never provided receipts to justify this money. Typically YOUNG would travel to Anchorage six to seven times during nonelection years, and more frequently during election years. The [redacted] was usually provided at the front end of the trip in the form of cash left in an envelope in YOUNG's hotel room or at his condominium. [redacted] also knew about YOUNG's [redacted]

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[redacted] YOUNG claiming reimbursement for dinners that were not campaign related was inappropriate. LU YOUNG usually received a check made out to her in the amount of $300.00 at the beginning of each trip to Alaska. [redacted] LU YOUNG to the bank where she would deposit her check. There was one occasion when LU YOUNG went to lunch at Simons and Seaforts, [redacted] the individual she was going to lunch with would not let LU YOUNG pay. [redacted] LU YOUNG would often submit receipts for reimbursement in addition to the $300.00 checks that she would receive from campaign funds.

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[redacted] has traveled to Fort Yukon, the official residence of the YOUNGS, twice. YOUNG has expensed things

related to his trips to Fort Yukon to the campaign. Typically the campaign would pay for half of the costs associated with a charter flight to Fort Yukon and YOUNG's Congressional office would pay the other half of the costs. The costs that the campaign covered were the costs associated with LU YOUNG's travel to Fort Yukon. However, there were instances when the campaign paid for the entire cost of the chartered flight. The YOUNGs have a small house in Fort Yukon, and YOUNG built a second house there. Every charter flight the YOUNGs took to Fort Yukon in August was full of building supplies. These supplies came from Spenard Builders (SB). [redacted] supplies from SB including a stove, 2x4 lumber, doors, paint, and wash buckets. The charter flight was a Conquest 441 plane operated through Security Aviation. [redacted] no campaign events ever took place in Fort Yukon. The YOUNGs were simply traveling to their home. [redacted] may have traveled there on the chartered flight with the YOUNGs. b6 -4, 5 b7C -4, 5 b7D -1

[redacted] finances, [redacted] of accounting matters. [redacted]

Neither DON or LU YOUNG wanted a campaign credit card. [redacted]

The campaign credit card is used to cover costs associated with fund raisers, as well as travel costs associated with the campaign. The travel agency the YOUNGs utilize has the campaign credit card account number, so the account can be charged directly when airline tickets are issued to the YOUNGs and other staff members. [redacted] b6 -2, 4 b7C -2, 4 b7D -1 arrangements to pay for out of state fund-raising events and [redacted]

There were many instances when hunting trips coincided with campaign trips for YOUNG. YOUNG went on a fund-raising trip to Brownsville, Texas and then attended a hunting trip on the side. Some trips were not profitable in terms of fund raising. YOUNG took a trip to Savannah Dhu and the campaign barely broke even on the trip. They expected to raise $24,000 dollars for the campaign, but only raised $4,000 dollars. Another event in Brownsville wasn't successful because the event coordinator didn't have enough time to arrange it.

There were several Savannah Dhu fund raisers over the years. In January of every year, YOUNG goes to an event for the Safari Club hosted in Reno, Nevada. The cost for the YOUNGs, as well as an aide for LU YOUNG to attend the event is paid for by the campaign. In the past, there was one $2,000 dollar contribution from the Safari Club; however, the campaign did not receive a check from the Safari Club this year. DC staffers arranged hunting trip in the four corners area of Arizona and New Mexico. An event coordinator was hired in either Arizona or New Mexico to organize the fund raiser associated with the hunting trip, but was given short lead time to do so. The fund raising event was not held; however, the hunting trip still occurred. [redacted] No charges occurred as a result of the event planning since the fund raiser did not actually occur. Usually an event coordinator is paid 12-15% of the total contributions.

The DC office makes all of the decisions related to fund raising events. [redacted] only attends the Alaska events; [redacted] the crab feed and moose burger events in DC every year. [redacted] to attend some events then fly in DC staff to cover them. [redacted] a lot of YOUNG's Seattle travel. [redacted] per year from the campaign for the work that he does. [redacted]

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In regard to the Coconut Road fund raising event, the catering bill was picked up by someone else. This was brought [redacted] paid the reception costs, [redacted] hotel room charge.

The campaign eventually reimbursed [redacted] for all of these expenses. At the Coconut Grove event, $40,000 dollars was raised. [redacted] for the campaign.

CONNIE MACK, a Congressman from Florida, didn't send a copy of the invitation in response to [redacted] request. MACK's staff was evasive about the Coconut Grove event saying at one point that it was an outdoor event, then changing their stance and saying it was an indoor event. MACK was quick to separate himself from YOUNG and the fund raising event. [redacted] 2-4 pages including receipts and an invitation from MACK. [redacted] the same information [redacted] without the invitation from MACK. [redacted] a copy of the invitation. [redacted] a copy of the invitation [redacted]

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[redacted] is part of an inner group of lobbyists who support YOUNG. [redacted] for YOUNG and is [redacted] fund raising events in both Puerto Rico and Las Vegas. The Puerto Rico event is held annually and typically raises between $20,000 to $30,000 dollars for YOUNG's campaign. [redacted] notices to raise funds for YOUNG's campaign. The core group of lobbyists supporting YOUNG include [redacted]

The YOUNGs are not gamblers. LU YOUNG likes jewelry. She won drawings and received earrings in the state of Washington. LU YOUNG was panning for gold in Fairbanks and found a large gold nugget in her pan. [redacted] hasn't heard whether LU YOUNG finding a gold nugget in her pan was fixed. He also doesn't know who hosted this event in Fairbanks. LU YOUNG received countless bracelets and ivory while in the DC office. LU YOUNG showed [redacted] gifts including a pair of earrings [redacted] bought her during a trip to Las Vegas. She was given the earrings, which appeared to be solitary diamond studs, during one of her last three trips to Las Vegas. The earrings looked like diamonds; [redacted] does not know if they were real.

LU YOUNG also won earrings at the Seafood Invitational in Seattle, Washington one year.

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During a CODEL trip in August, the campaign paid for all of the fishing licenses for guests. [redacted] is unaware who paid for the actual fishing trips. When five or more members of Congress travel together on a trip, they are allowed to request a military transport flight.

[redacted] Alaska Airlines (AA) in DC [redacted] LU YOUNG called AA as a result of being angry with [redacted] LU YOUNG asked AA if they still wanted their gate at National Airport. Shortly thereafter, [redacted]

During the Sea Life Center auction events, LU YOUNG would verbally attack people who weren't bidding high enough. On one occasion, [redacted] was not bidding as high as LU YOUNG expected, and she yelled at him.

[redacted] is not aware of LU YOUNG being taken on any paid shopping trips by lobbyists.

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Anchorage Daily News

Alaska Newsreader
Today's news for the Last Frontier

By S.J. Komarnitsky

News for Monday, Sept. 17
Talk about racking up the miles. National Geographic reports on a female shorebird that recently flew nonstop for 7,145 miles from Alaska to New Zealand. The nine-day trip by the bar-tailed godwit without a break for food or water is the equivalent of a human running 43.5 miles an hour for more than seven days, and is the longest such migration ever recorded, according to biologists who tracked the bird using satellite tags. Among the tidbits from the story is this revelation: "Along the way, the bird 'slept' by shutting down one side of her brain at a time."
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Corruption Trial. What new bombshells will drop in the corruption trial of former state House speaker Pete Kott? It continues today in Anchorage. With the prosecution expected to wrap up their case this week, news outlets turned to the challenges facing defense attorney James Wendt.The AP summed it up this way: "Wendt contends there was nothing illegal about Kott planning strategy with the VECO officials on legislation important to most Alaskans. But his first obstacle in defending Kott may be the recorded conversations, salted with profanity, sometimes fueled by booze and interspersed by the occasional crude reference to women."

The Fairbanks Daily News-Miner editorializes there's plenty to be upset about so far from the trial, but what should really concern people are comments like these: "When Bill Allen tells me he's ready to vote it out, then I'll vote it out," Kott said to Veco executive Rick Smith in one recorded conversation, referring to a bill he was sitting on in a legislative committee.
Meanwhile, Retired UAA professor Steve Aufrecht reflects in his What do I Know blog about what the trial tells us about Bill Allen's moral compass. "In Bill Allen's world, as I tease it out of his words and behaviors, power and family are the main values. Loyalty is a second, but lower value. The law, the government, the legislature in particular are seen as either obstacles to be overcome or tools to get what you want."
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Speaking of corruption trials. Two new developments appeared this weekend in the case against former Rep. Vic Kohring, who faces charges of extortion and bribery. KTUU reports that Kohring's attorney is asking a federal judge to look into whether the U.S. Department of Justice inappropriately pressured his client to plead guilty in the case. Meanwhile KTUU also reports that a Department of Justice letter sent to Kohring's defense attorney this July reveals former Rep. Tom Anderson and former state corrections commissioner Frank Prewitt, while cooperating with the government, also made recordings of their interactions with Kohring.
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It's a long way between Fort Yukon, Alaska, and Estero, Fla. .The Naples Daily News, which started asking questions early on about a $10 million earmark Rep. Don Young helped land for the Coconut

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Road interchange in Florida, says the story isn't going away. It notes the respected publication Transportation Weekly has featured the story twice recently.
"The fact that Transportation Weekly has showcased Coconut Road in two straight editions (the previous week's edition carried a front-page news story about the controversy) means that this is no longer about a measly $10 million for an interchange in Southwest Florida. It's about the Constitution, how sausage is made in Washington and Young's future. It's getting bigger and bigger. It won't go away."
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And this year's number is.... Gov. Sarah Palin is expected to announce the exact amount of this year's PFD check on Wednesday in Valdez, the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner reports.
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That's enough already. The Peninsula Clarion reports on a proposal by the state Board of Fisheries and the Board of Game to limit the volume of public comment from a single group or individual to 100 pages or its electronic equivalent after a wildlife advocacy organization sent in more than 28,500 letters on a single topic.

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But where would you put all the RVs? Denali National Park officials are asking for input on remodeling their headquarters, the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner reports. Apparently they think among the eyesores are the parking lots which don't fit in with the surrounding wilderness.
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Mine payoffs? KTUU reports on allegations that Northern Dynasty -- which wants to develop a gold mine near Bristol Bay -- is paying leaders of local villages to publicly support the project. Rep. Jay Ramras claims Northern Dynasty has more than once paid leaders of Native corporations, some as much as $300,000 per year, to encourage locals to take a pro-mine stance, the story reports. One resident also says the company gave her $600 cash in a plain white envelope at a community meeting in 2005.

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Now that's what we call some really hot water. University of Alaska Fairbanks researcher Katey Walter recently led a NPR crew to a North Slope lake that boils with methane. The report includes video of the bubbling water.
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A quick trip on a famed route. The Wall Street Journal picks up on reports of satellite images showing the fabled Northwest Passage as being ice free this year with a story of a pig farmer turned yachtsman's third attempt at the crossing. The European Space Agency reported the route as ice-free after piecing together nearly 200 satellite images.
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Hunting editor on the loose in Alaska. Predator Xtreme has loosed Xtreme editor Ralph Lermayer on Alaska where he is filing online reports of his hunt for wolves, bears and foxes that match his hyperbolic title. His tagline from day one: "Hunt hard, shoot straight, kill clean, apologize to no one."

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More headlines:
Fairbanks-area Fort Knox mine to expand, extend operations (Alaska Journal of Commerce)
Juneau scientist explores world's largest marine canyon (Juneau Empire)
Flushed cheese cancelled Haines High School classes (Chilkat Valley News)
Alaska company heads up project to recover century-old trees submerged by Panama Canal construction (Alaska Journal of Commerce)

From [redacted]

Sent Monday, August 27, 2007 8:43 am

To [redacted]

Subject Letter to Don Young re: Coconut Road interchange

Attachments Don Young August 19.doc

Att: [redacted]

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FYI: Here is [redacted] o Congressman Young's July 13 email letter that I forwarded to you, regarding the Coconut Road interchange.

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August 24, 2007

Congressman Don Young
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington D.C.

Dear Congressman Young,

[redacted] your July 13 email regarding the Coconut Road interchange project. It is unfortunate that you, or whomever wrote the letter on your behalf, was not capable of telling the whole truth concerning this matter.

In your letter you stated that on June 15, 2007, the Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) voted 13-1 to use the $10 million dollar earmark to "direct the state to move forward with a study of a new Interstate 75 interchange." Unfortunately the MPO public record disagrees with your statement. The MPO voted 13-1 to investigate whether the scope of the interchange study could be broadened, by seeking a memorandum of agreement through Florida Dept. of Transportation. Furthermore, the MPO decided on August 17th, that the earmark should be used to widen Florida's I-75, as the legislation was intended, and not to accept the Coconut Road interchange funding that mysteriously slipped into the 2005 transportation budget AFTER Congress voted.

Many of us in Alaska, including legislators from your own party, feel you should step down. Your egregious actions regarding the Florida earmark, and other matters concerning VECO and your campaign finance practices, make us wonder whether you think you are above the law when it comes to special interest legislation that directly and blatantly benefits your major contributors.

Imagine if a Texas senator flew to Fairbanks, and a real estate developer from California threw a big fundraiser for that Texas senator at the Princess Hotel. Then imagine that the same California real estate developer, who happens to own 1,000 acres along the Parks Highway, requests that the Texas senator earmark a $10 million dollar highway interchange near Denali Park that would provide great access to his property. An interchange that Alaska's Dept. of Transportation has no clue about. Suddenly a $10 million project shows up in the budget. You, Congressman Young, scratch your head and say, gee, I knew nothing about this Denali Park interchange.

There is a system in place, a public process in which transportation priorities are set in every state. In the words of one of my colleagues who works at DOT in Fairbanks, "it would be ridiculous" if DOT received funding for an interchange that was not in the regional transportation plan. Your corrupt Florida earmark just got kicked out the window and for good reason.

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Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 08/20/2007

To: Tampa **Attn:** SSA [redacted]
SA [redacted]
Squad 10

From: Anchorage
Squad 4
Contact: SSA [redacted]

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Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: [redacted]

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Title: [redacted]

Synopsis: To transmit to Tampa complaint received relating to Tampa case 58C-TP-70141.

Enclosure(s): Complaint received from [redacted]

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Details: On 08/15/2007, the Anchorage Division received the enclosed complaint from [redacted] Alaska regarding Rep. Don Young's involvement in the Coconut Road project in Florida. This is in follow up to the previous information received from [redacted] and previously provided to Tampa.

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AT TAMPA, FLORIDA

Review enclosed information and take whatever action is appropriate.

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Fro[redacted]

Sent Wednesday, August 15, 2007 8:14 am

To[redacted]

Subject Don Young's $10 million earmark

August 15, 2007

Dear[redacted]

I recently mailed you a copy of a July 13 email tha[redacted] Congressman Don Young, along with my August 11th attached letter and news clips pertaining to the $10 million earmark for Coconut Road interchange in Florida. Upon further investigation yesterday I learned additional information about Florida's Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) of Lee County ---- charged with planning and spending the $10 million earmark.

Near the end of Young's email letter, he notes that "the MPO understood if they chose not to use the funds, these monies would be applied towards other national-level transportation projects. On June 15, 2007, the MPO voted 13-1 to use the $10 million dollars to "direct the state to move forward with a study of a new Interstate 75 interchange."

It's not quite that simple. If you read the detailed minutes from the MPO meeting on June 15, (visit:http://www.mpo-swfl.org/) there is a little more to the story on the 13-1 vote. This was a conditional vote, as the MPO wants to broaden the scope of the earmark to include a more comprehensive transportation study --- a study that would look beyond Coconut Road. The MPO specifically discusses that no contract work would begin on the IJR (Interchange Justification Report) until the MPO approves of the expanded scope and design through a Memorandum of Agreement that they would seek through the Florida DOT. There is quite a long discussion about this on the record.

If you email or talk to MPO's [redacted] a fuller picture of the situation emerges. The Coconut Road interchange was not a funding priority for the region, and now the MPO is trying to broaden the scope of the earmark so they can better plan and make the right decisions. They have another meeting scheduled this Friday, to address the new scope and legal ramifications of the earmark. [redacted] xpects there will be more heated debate on the issue.

In the June 15 minutes MPO[redacted] notes:

"the way in which this earmark came about is certainly nothing any of us want to have involvement with..."

Young's actions regarding the earmark need to be further investigated. I would encourage you to look closely at the MPO minutes from the June 15 meeting, and the upcoming August 17 meeting.

I have not had time to verify what Young says about Florida Gulf State University, and their desire for the interchange. Bottom line: the transportation planning organization for Lee County did not request this earmark, nor did they have Coconut Road interchange in their plan. Now they are basically stuck with it, and they are trying to make the best of the $10 million gift. The August 17 meeting should be interesting. Naples Daily News has a few stories on the earmark that are quite detailed, including past articles about the $40,000 Florida fundraiser for Don Young.

Sincerely,

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 08/14/2007

To: Tampa **Attn:** SSA [redacted]
SA [redacted]
Squad 10

From: Anchorage
Squad 4
Contact: SSA [redacted]

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Approved By: [redacted]

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Case ID #: [redacted]

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Title: [redacted]

Synopsis: To transmit to Tampa complaint received relating to Tampa case 58C-TP-70141.

Enclosure(s): Complaint received fro[redacted]

Details: On 08/14/2007, the Anchorage Division received the enclosed complaint from [redacted] Alaska regarding Rep. Don Young's involvement in the Coconut Road project in Florida. [redacted] concern about this matter. On 07/13/2007, Young sent a reply email. This reply e-mail is included with [redacted] complaint.

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Anchorage is forwarding to Tampa the original package provided by [redacted] for whatever action Tampa deems appropriate, and will keep a copy in our file.

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TAMPA

AT TAMPA, FLORIDA

Review enclosed information and take whatever action is appropriate.

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August 11, 2007

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FBI Anchorage Division Office
101 E. 6th Ave.
Anchorage, AK 99501

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I understand that you are involved with the corruption investigation involving numerous state and federal officials. I'd like to share some meaningful information with you regarding Congressman Don Young and his role with the $10 million earmark for the Coconut Road interchange in Florida. I share this information as an Alaskan who has lived in this stat[redacted]

When I first read the report about the Coconut Road earmark scandal, sometime this past April, I was disgusted that my lone Congressman who represents all of Alaska would do something so blatantly corrupt and so unethical. [redacted] a successful $40,000 fundraiser for Mr. Young in Florida, shortly before the 2005 federal transportation bill was passed. The entire affair seemed so sleezy to me. [redacted] near the proposed Coconut interchange in Florida, orchestrates a big fundraiser in Florida for Mr. Young, and [redacted] ends up with a $10 interchange earmark which [redacted] future property developments.

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Congressman Young responded to [redacted] In his response, he criticized the media, denied any wrongdoing, and defended his actions. I've enclosed his lengthy email response. He makes no mention of the Hyatt Coconut Point fundraiser, nor any discussions wit[redacted] He only points to the Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) town hall meeting where he notes that FGCU presented a proposed project which included an intersection built at Coconut Road and I-75. He refers to an April 2004 study that FGCU used for their justification. In summary, Young states that FGCU presented a strong proposal emphasizing that an interchange at Coconut Road would greatly improve the region's emergency evacuation plan. Finally, Mr. Young refers to a March 2006 letter from Representative Mack documenting support for the interchange project.

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I read the Anchorage Daily News yesterday, August 10, as well as several other newspaper reports. None of the reports that I've read mention any of the information that Young discusses in his letter about the Florida Gulf Coast University town hall meeting. There are inaccuracies in Young's letter, along with the omission of important information.

1) Young says he was invited to Bonita Springs/Ft. Meyers by Representative Mack in April, 2005. As part of that visit, Mack orchestrated a town hall meeting at Florida Gulf Coast University, located in Mack's district. The Florida Gulf Coast University town hall meeting took place on February 19, 2005, according to the Naples Daily News. So Young is off on his dates, unless there were two town hall meetings. The fundraiser was held right after the town hall meeting on Feb. 19, 2005, (See the Naples Daily News, April 16, 2006 attached story). b6 -2 b7C -2

2) Young omits any and all information about the real estate interests [redacted] and related contributions concerning the Coconut interchange.

3) Young omits any and all information about the Feb. 19 fundraiser that took place immediately after the town hall meeting. (See Naples Daily News article, April 16, 2006)

If Florida Gulf Coast University made a public proposal regarding the Coconut Road interchange, I would think it would be on the record, and those documents should be available for review. If Young has fabricated any of this, I thought it would be extremely important information for your investigation.

The Anchorage Daily News reported yesterday that Young may have changed the language of the 2005 transportation highway bill, to specifically include the Coconut Road interchange. If this is true, it would seem highly illegal to change the context of passed legislation, through a specific earmark that no member of Congress has seen or voted upon, prior to presidential review.

Your sweeping investigation of corruption and bribery that relates to Alaska's politicians and special interest groups was much needed. I commend you and all of your investigators for their work in targeting officials who have accepted bribes and contributions in return for favorable votes. I believe this kind of dishonest and shameful activity has been going on for a long time in Alaska.

Please feel free to call, write, or email, if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

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From : Congressman Don Young [redacted]

Sent : Friday, July 13, 2007 12:30 PM

To : [redacted]

Subject : Responding to your message

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Thank you for contacting me about the Cocon ut Road project in Public Law 109 -59, the "SAFETEA-LU Act of 2005." This is an important national transportation policy issue for me, and I appreciate your inquiry into this matter.

Frankly, the media has had a field day with this topic, and much of it is based on speculation and presumption rather than research and results. I respectfully ask that you allow me to step you through this issue, how the policy decision was made, and finally, the decision made by the community impacted by the policy decision.

In April 2005, I was invited to the Bonita Springs/Ft Myers, Florida area by Representative Connie Mack. Representative Mack had just been elected to Congress, and had been appointed to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. I chaired that committee which was focusing on a major reauthorization of the nation's highway bill - a bill that authorizes and appropriates federal highway dollars not only to state projects as requested by each Member, but also towards highway and transportation requirements of regional or national significance.

As part of the visit, Congressman Mack orchestrated a town hall meeting at the Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) located in his district and within mile of Interstate 75 - Florida 's major north-south artery and the state's most important and vital hurricane evacuation route. I chaired the meeting that was attended by over 500 Floridians, as citizens from Representatives Mack's and Diaz- Balart's districts made presentations to emphasize the importance improving I-75 consistent with hurricane and other regional emergency usage, as well as for day-to-day requirements then and into the future.

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At the meeting, FGCU presented a project that would establish a center for transportation research at the university. As part of that consideration, FGCU also proposed an intersection built at Coconut Road and I-75 and instrumented with intelligent transportation systems. Their justification quoted an April 2004 study that concluded "an additional access to I-75 at Coconut Road would provide considerable public benefit (in terms of reduced evacuation clearance time) to persons residing and/or employed in the Estero area and City of Bonita Springs." Further, FGCU noted that as part of the region's disaster and emergency preparedness plans, FGCU was configured to shelter up to 10,000 residents. Finally, FGCU cited future plans to expand admission to up to 25,000 students in the near future.

In sum, FGCU presented a strong proposal that if fully implemented, could serve to resolve some of the issues that we witnessed in the evacuation from Houston , Texas during Hurricane Rita. You may remember pictures and video showing thousands of vehicles, bumper-to-bumper, nearly stopped on one side of a major, multi-lane freeway as residents struggled to leave Houston . At the same time, the other side of that same freeway was devoid of traffic. FGCU believed what they learned from an interchange at Coconut Road would greatly improve the region's emergency evacuation and save lives as a result. Their presentation received applause of approval from the audience, and earned verbal praise from the Members of Congress in attendance.

It is important to look at the potential discussed at the meeting beyond the local and regional impact -- this was clearly a proposal with potential national application. In fact, Representative Mack shared his vision in a March 2006 letter to FGCU and said that the interchange "stands to be the cutting edge demonstration project in America to study and improve hurricane and crisis evacuation transportation safety programs." He added "I believe there is not a more appropriate place in the country to locate this demonstration program."

Line item 462 of the SAFETEA-LU transportation improvements included $10 million for "Coconut Road Interchange I-75/Lee County" to permit the residents of the area to study and determine how best to implement the FGCU concept. Those funds did not detract from other spending priorities, nor were they designated at the expense of projects in Alaska or any other state. Finally, the $10 million for the interchange was not designated nor intended for any single source.

Rather, consistent with the provisions of law, the funds were left up to local officials, working with state officials, to determine its proper application. Therefore, the area's Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), made up of local elected officials, held many spirited debates on the use of the $10 million dollars for the intersection. The MPO took into account the dynamic and diverse needs and interests of the area. Consistent with the provisions of law, the MPO understood if they chose not to use the

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funds, these monies would be applied towards other national-level transportation projects. On June 15, 2007, the MPO voted 13-1 to use the $10 million dollars to "direct the state to move forward with a study of a new Interstate 75 interchange."

Once again, thank you for your correspondence. I encourage you to sign up for my e-newsletter at http://www.house.gov//formdonyoung/subscription.htm if you have not already done so. This will allow me to provide you updates on this and other important issues. If I can be of any assistance in the future, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

DON YOUNG

Congressman for All Alaska

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Young accused of changing bill after vote

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ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) - Alaska Rep. Don Young or his staff may have changed the language in a $10 million earmark after it had already been approved for another project, a retired federal government budget expert said in report released this week.

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Some local planners say they didn't ask for the earmark - first approved to widen Interstate 75 in Florida - and they still don't know how Young got it for a project known as the Coconut Road interchange.

The leader of a Florida transportation planning organization asked researcher Darla Letourneau, a retired former congressional liaison to the Department of Labor in Washington, to look into the matter.

The Senate and House both voted to approve the interstate earmark in 2005 as a part of a sweeping highway bill that went through Young's Transportation committee, Letourneau told the Anchorage Daily News.

At some point after that, while the bill was being cleaned up for the president's signature, the earmark was designated specifically for the Coconut Road interchange, she said.

Letourneau said it's not unusual for minor grammatical and technical changes to take place during the final stage of the legislative process, but in this case the changes were substantial.

The changes morphed the earmark's purpose from being a general road-widening project to benefiting one specific interchange, Letourneau said. Additionally, the interchange had already been opposed by many local officials because they said it would open environmentally fragile lands to development, Letourneau said.

"It's definitely not consistent with the rules, at least on its face," Letourneau said. "It raises a lot of questions in my mind. It's just another example of abuse of power."

The New York Times connected Young's appropriation to Daniel J. Aronoff of Bloomfield Hills, Mich., whose companies own thousands of acres that would increase in value if a Coconut Road connector were built.

The earmark was inserted into the 2005 legislation shortly after Aronoff helped raise $40,000 in Florida for Young's re-election campaign, the Daily News reported.

On Wednesday, guests at one of Young's biggest Anchorage fundraisers - his annual pig roast - included several Washington lobbyists including Rick Alcalde, a frequent Young contributor. Alcalde's clients include Aronoff's real estate business, the Landon Companies, according to federal disclosure forms.

Young's office would not comment to the newspaper on the earmark, calling it a "recycled story."

Young has previously said he put the earmark in the bill at the request of community residents, and that he thought it would pay for transportation improvements to assist with hurricane evacuation.

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However, in an interview this week with The Associated Press, Young said, "I think it's the right thing for the state of Florida, and you know, right now, they're supportive of it. It gives an escape

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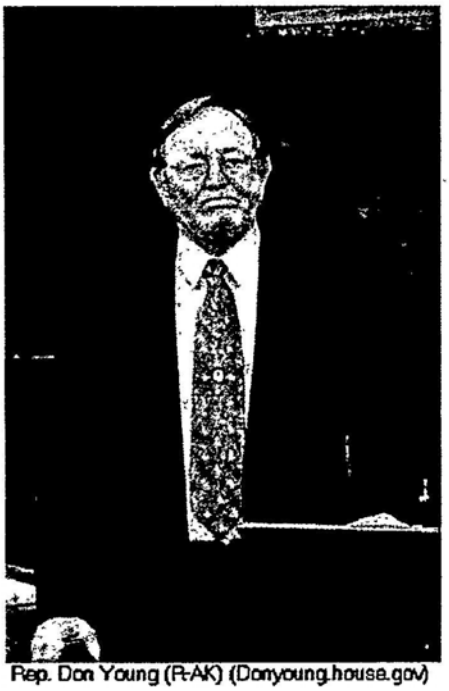
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More than 500 hurricane survivors living in government-issued trailers and mobile homes are taking the manufacturers of the structures to court.
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(Boston Globe)



Rep. Don Young (R-AK) (Donyoung.house.gov)

Young's Secret Tweak Targeted Pork to Contributor

By Laura McGann - August 9, 2007, 12:41 PM

They say that earmarking is a rigged system, a system of organized bribery (the "favor factory" as Jack Abramoff called it). But rarely has there been such **startling evidence** of a quid pro quo as Rep. Don Young's (R-AK) $10 million earmark for a highway interchange in Florida (the state farthest from Alaska). The earmark came only days after a real estate mogul raised $40,000 for Young at an event in Florida.

But it gets worse. It turns out that Young had to bend, if not break, Congressional rules to do it.

The *Naples Daily News* **reports** that he probably changed key language in the bill *after* it had been passed in the House and Senate. The language left zero ambiguity about where exactly all that cash was supposed to go:

> The words "Coconut Road interchange" were not in the federal transportation bill approved by Congress in 2005.
>
> Those words were attached to a $10 million earmark sometime after the House and Senate votes but before the president signed the bill into law.
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> Within that time, someone with access to the bill deleted the earmark's original language that would have given $10 million more for widening and improvements to Interstate 75 and attached the phrase "Coconut Rd. interchange I-75/Lee

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County," according to a study by a former federal official who lives on Sanibel Island.

The wording must have changed during a process called "bill enrollment" when grammatical and technical -- not substantive -- changes are allowed to be made. As Keith Ashdown of Taxpayers for Common Sense tells the paper, "I've seen little gimmicks and little tricks used to make sure somebody's friend or contributor is taken care of but this is by far one of the more underhanded, surreptitious examples I've seen — ever."

The Coconut Road project stands to benefit Daniel Aronoff, a wealthy part-time Naples resident who held a fund-raiser for Young right before the earmark mysteriously appeared. But since the news about the timing of the Coconut Road language broke, local officials in Southwest Florida have started discussing using the money on a bigger project to widen Interstate 75 -- which is what the language in the bill was before Young changed it.

Note: Thanks to TPMm Reader *EB* for the link.

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Americans will be shocked by what Young, Allen, Stevens, and Murkowskis have been doing with earmarks for 20 years. Only the Feds can bring it to light. How many Federal Agents do you need to get a solid RICO case together?

I hope the are arrested on the Congress floor while they are giving a speech. This would be great

Posted by: Young-217

study of an interchange at I-75 and Coconut Road ... the question is 'why?'

By Julio Ochoa [redacted]

Sunday, April 16, 2006

Naples News

Rep. Don Young, R-Alaska, isn't talking.

But his money is.

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The chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, who is credited with putting a $10 million earmark in the federal transportation bill to study an Interstate 75 interchange at Coconut Road, has been quiet about how the money got there.

However, a fundraiser Young held at the Hyatt Coconut Point in Estero after a town hall meeting at Florida Gulf Coast University on Feb. 19, 2005, is speaking volumes.

Some believe contributions from that fundraiser hold the key to understanding how the unrequested money for the interchange study made its way into the federal transportation bill, which lawmakers approved last year.

Although it isn't clear exactly who was at the fundraiser, campaign disclosure records filed by Young show he recorded $41,750 in donations on the same day — March 8, 2005, slightly more than two weeks after the fundraiser at the Hyatt. Of that amount, $16,750 came from donors who listed addresses in Naples, Bonita Springs and Fort Myers, and additional thousands came in from individuals or groups with connections to Southwest Florida.

At least one of the donors had a particular interest in the intersection.

Daniel Aronoff, a part-time Naples resident, owns two 600-acre sections of property directly east of where the interchange could go. Aronoff's $500 contribution to Young's campaign was reported at the same time that others from the fundraiser were filed.

A few months later, Aronoff contributed $2,500 to Young's Midnight Sun Political Action Committee, which raises money to contribute to the campaigns of Republicans in contested races.

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Aronoff couldn't be located for comment.

When lawmakers approved the bill, many Lee County officials were surprised by the earmark for an interchange that wasn't in the county's long-range transportation plans.

For some, the contributions are enough to indicate that Young placed the $10 million in the bill based on special interests.

"To me, it looks very transparent," Lee County Commissioner Ray Judah said. "It's very transparent of what's going on to the detriment of public interest."

Judah, who is on Lee County's Metropolitan Planning Organization, fought to keep the interchange out of the group's long-range transportation plans.

He and several environmental groups are against the project because they fear it would make way for development on environmentally sensitive lands to the east of the interstate.

Judah also doesn't want the federal government and special interests influencing transportation decisions in Lee County, he said.

Twice, Judah was successful in getting enough members of the MPO to agree with him.

However, when he reintroduced the issue at March's MPO meeting in hopes of using the earmark to study an interchange with access only to the west, his initiative failed when members voted to put the project in Lee County's 2030 Transportation Plan.

Earmarks

If skeptics are right, it wouldn't be the first time special interests influenced funding in the federal transportation bill, said Keith Ashdown, spokesman for Taxpayers for Common Sense, a watchdog group that follows political contributions.

With 6,374 earmarks tagged onto the federal transportation bill at a cost of $24 billion, Lee County is not the only area affected by special interests, Ashdown said.

The bill is loaded with projects that made it in because of politics, not their ability to reduce traffic or save lives, Ashdown said.

"A lot of people have learned the way to get earmarks is to grease the wheels and throw a little campaign cash in the direction of the representative from Alaska," he said. "It's outrageous. Projects should be chosen on merit, not just because you have deep pockets."

But the practice seems to be becoming more of a standard in Congress because it is hard to prove a direct connection between fundraising and earmarks, Ashdown said.

"There is nothing illegal about campaign cash," he said. "If it looks, smells and quacks like a bribe, it's a bribe, but because he is not personally benefiting, it is not legally considered a bribe."

Fundraising

It is not uncommon for a congressman to hold fundraisers to get campaign contributions outside of his or her home state, said Rep. Connie Mack, R-Fort Myers.

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Mack said he has done it several times.

So has Young, according to campaign contribution records.

So far, during the 2006 election cycle, Young has raised 84 percent of his itemized campaign contributions from individuals in states other than his own, according to FEC Info, a company that tracks campaign contributions reported to the Federal Elections Commission.

The state with the highest amount of contributions is Arkansas, which also received a mysterious earmark in the federal transportation bill.

In 2004, when lawmakers were still drafting the bill, Arkansas politicians held a fundraiser for Young that raised about $42 million for his re-election campaign.

Several proponents of a project to extend an Arkansas highway attended the meeting and donated to Young's Midnight Sun PAC.

Months later, many in Arkansas were surprised to find $40 million in the House's version of the federal transportation bill for the highway project.

Like the proposed Coconut Road interchange, Arkansas' highway project wasn't in the area's long-term plans.

By the time lawmakers approved the bill, the $40 million earmark rose to $72 million and required a state match.

Young's fundraiser at the Hyatt helped Florida achieve its rank of sixth in the nation in individual contributions to Young's campaign, according to FEC Info.

Mack said he helped organize the fundraiser for Young.

"Any time a powerful chairman of a committee comes to Southwest Florida, it is a good thing," Mack said. "I was happy that the chairman took time to come and happy to help in any way I could."

Contributors reported on Young's March 8, 2005, filing who could be reached for comment said they attended the fundraiser and donated because they support improving Southwest Florida's infrastructure.

"We support anything that will enhance the expansion if I-75," said Michael Reitmann, executive director of the Lee Building Industry Association. "I personally wrote a check because I believe Rep. Young can help the area."

With a university, an airport and the addition of a major mall in the Coconut Road area, funding to study an I-75 interchange makes absolute sense, Reitmann said.

"I hear comments made about political agendas," he said. "It's the typical response from anti-growth advocates and commissioners that have their own political agenda."

Tina Matte, spokeswoman for the Southwest Florida Transportation Initiative, said her agency has met with Young on several occasions to talk about expanding I-75.

The fundraiser was another opportunity to garner Young's support, said Matte, who attended the event.

"Chairman Young, being the chair of one of the most-powerful committees in Washington, travels all the time," Matte said. "It's certainly not unusual that a community hosts him and supports his efforts."

Southwest Florida has many transportation needs, Mack said. The chairman put $81 million in the transportation bill to help with the I-75 expansion and also recognized that the area needs more east-west corridors, Mack said.

"Infrastructure is so important to the quality of life and safety in Southwest Florida," he said. "Anytime we have an opportunity to improve our infrastructure in Southwest Florida, we have to take that seriously."

But opponents of the interchange don't buy that argument.

County planners have identified a multitude of other projects that take precedence over the Coconut Road interchange, said Don Eslick, chairman of the Estero Council of Community Leaders, who, along with many other residents in Estero, opposes the interchange.

Eslick said he believes leaders in Lee County were taken in by special interests and the lure of $10 million.

"It is the worst display of influence peddling that is associated with these earmarks," Eslick said. "It's a national thing reaching down to our area and trying to distort what our people are trying to do."

After all of the facts surrounding the earmark come to light, Eslick said, he hopes leaders in Southwest Florida learn their lesson.

"You can't blame people for being taken the first time something like this happens," Eslick said. "I would hope that we've learned from this experience and would prevent it in the future."

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U.S. Rep. Don Young, R-Alaska, held a fundraiser at the Hyatt Coconut Point in Estero on Feb. 19, 2005. Slightly more than two weeks later, on March 8, 2005, his campaign contribution reports recorded the following donations:

Robert Anestis, CEO Florida East Coast Industries, Ponte Vedra Beach: $2,000

Robert Anestis, CEO Florida East Coast Industries, Ponte Vedra Beach: $2,500

Daniel Aronoff, executive with The Landon Companies, Birmingham, Mich.: $500

Frederick Barber, engineer with Agnolia, Barber & Brundigh, Bonita Springs: $500

Carl Barraco, engineer with Barraco & Associates, Fort Myers: $500

Wayne Byers, vice president Holland America Line Inc., Belleveue, Wash.: $250

Miles Collier, Collier Enterprises, Naples: $2,000

Parker Collier, Collier Enterprises, Naples: $500

Theresa Collier, Collier Enterprises, Naples: $500

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Barron Collier II, Collier Enterprises, Naples: $2,000

K. Earl Durden, chairman Rail Mgmt. & Consulting, Panama City: $1,000

Karen Durden, president Rail Mgmt. & Consulting, Panama City: $1,000

Michael Durden, Rail Mgmt. & Consulting, Panama City: $1,000

Florida Rock Industries, Jacksonville: $2,000

Harold Fried, attorney, Birmingham, Mich.: $500

John Garvalia, additional information not available, Bonita Springs: $500

David Genson, additional information not available, Naples: $500

Amy Gravina, consultant with Gravina Smith & Matte, Fort Myers: $500

Deborah Greenberg, additional information not available, Naples: $1,000

Greyhound Lines PAC, Dallas, Texas: $1,000

Johan Groothuizen, vice president of marine hotel operations, Holland American Lines, Seattle, Wash., $250

Christopher Hanlon, additional information not available, Naples: $1,000

HNTB Corporation PAC, Kansas City, Mo.: $2,000

Alfred Hoffman, CEO Florida Design, Fort Myers: $2,000

Ingram Barge Company PAC, Nashville, Tenn.: $1,000

Norman Lent, attorney with Lent Scrivner & Roth LLC, Alexandria, Va.: $250

Susan Heck Lent, homemaker, Alexandria, Va.: $250

Tina Matte, executive with Bonita Bay Group, Fort Myers: $500

Heather Mazurkiewicz, additional information not available, Fort Myers: $1,000

John McPherson, additional information not available, Ponte Vedra Beach, $2,000

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Albert O'Donnell, owner O'Donnell Landscapes, Estero: $500

Parson Brinckerhoff Inc. PAC, New York, N.Y.: $500

Michael Reitmann Jr., executive vice president of Lee Building Industry Association, Fort Myers: $500

Jerry L. Starkey, WCI Communities, Naples: $2,000 Young-222

G. Donald Thompson, attorney with Henderson Franklin, Bonita Springs: $250

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Yep, that's what it costs to play- but what you see is just one installment.
I know several on that list and they all directly benefeit from that interchange. This is simple out and out bribery and it's institutional. Mack is helping Young milk the cash cow and he's proud of it! It can't be true that these people are so blatant but it just goes on and on.

wes (anonymous) at 5:01 a.m. on April 16, 2006 (Suggest removal)

What a surprise. Imagine, influence peddling in government and big players greasing the wheels to promote future investments to the detriment of regular people and thier legitimate needs. Republican or Democrat, it makes no difference, they are both faces of the same monster. Unfortunately, sadly, the monster is us. It is the dark and seamy side of the rugged individualism we all worship as a part of the American character. Me, me, me. Can you imagine your son or daughter dying in Iraq for this?

Joseygirl (anonymous) at 7:35 a.m. on April 16, 2006 (Suggest removal)

I've used Don Thompson before for legal work, won't happen again.

676 (anonymous) at 2:38 p.m. on April 16, 2006 (Suggest removal)

Tom Delay is alive and well in Alaska. You scratch my Pac and I'll drop 10M of federal money into your laps on account. Its so transparant. Where is an honest US Attorney when you need one.

chap914 (anonymous) at 5:59 p.m. on April 16, 2006 (Suggest removal)

Connie Mack needs to be voted out. If his name was Bernie Mack, would he be in office? It's time for SW Florida to take a stand against this spoiled and greedy boy, who has no concept on what hard working people do for a living.

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Regards,

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Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 03/23/2009

To: Anchorage

From: Anchorage
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Contact: SA [redacted]

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Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 194A-AN-13620-YOUNG (Pending) - 94

Title: POLAR PEN;
CSLPO

Synopsis: To request reimbursement for purchase of USB Flash Drives for data storage to suppport captioned investigation.

Details: Extensive financial data entry and analysis has been completed regarding investigation related to Congressman Don Young. The writer is departing on a 30 day temporary duty assignment (TDY) to Washington Field Office (WFO) to work this aspect of the captioned investigation with WFO agents. The writer requires the use of flash drives for data storage, so the writer can take the necessary information to WFO for case coordination purposes. The writer requests reimbursement in the amount of $27.99 related to the purchase of USB Flash Drives in support of captioned investigation.

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1. Classification [redacted]

- ☐ (AC) Criminal Case
- ☐ (AD) Criminal OCDETF Case
- ☐ (AF) FCI Case
- ☐ (BC) Informant/CW
- ☐ (BD) Informant/CW Providing Drug info.
- ☐ (CF) Asset
- ☐ (DC) Group II UCO
- ☐ (DD) OCDETF Group II
- ☐ (E) Group I
- ☐ (F) FCI UCO
- ☐ (GA) SOG
- ☐ (GB) OPS
- ☐ (GC) Air Operation
- ☐ (H) SSG
- ☐ (J) FCI Lookout

Draft Request | **2.** Date

3. Request for: ( ) Advance (✓) Expense | **4.** Social Security No:

5. Payee Nam[redacted] | **6.** File No:

16. Cat	Item No	7. Description	8. Amount
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9. Total $

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Asset/Informant File No. _____ Symbol No. _____
Payment/Code Name _____ Period Covered _____ to _____
One Time Non-symbol Source Payment:
True Name: _____ DOB: ____/____/____ SSAN: _____
Date of Waiver: ____/____/____

11. Payment for reimbursable expense - forfeiture or drug related? ____Yes ✓ No

12. Requested by [redacted] | 13. Telephone No:

14. Approval	Date
Supervisor Initials:	
SAC / ASAC / AO / SAS Approval:	
Supply Technician Approval:	
Draft Approval Officer:	
Procurement Authorization No.	

15. Vendor No. Group No. | **17** Obligation No.

18. Cost Center: | **19.** Squad/RA: | **20.** Follow-up Date:

21 Document No. | **22.** CONF ___ COMM ✓

23. Draft No: | **24.** Date: | **25.** Cashier:

26. Settlement of Advance:
Prior month Advance Balance: $
This Advance: $
Less: Receipts: $
Funds Returned and/ or Cash on Hand: $
Amount to be Reimbursed: $

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DRAFT REQUEST FORM INSTRUCTIONS

REQUESTING EMPLOYEE - Complete blocks 1 to 13 as follows:

1 - Enter Budget Category Classification to which expenses will be charged.
2 - Current date.
3 - Check the box to indicate if this request is for an advance of funds or for payment of an expense.
4 - Your Social Security Account Number.
5 - The name of the person or company that should appear on the check.
6 - The substantive file number, or the file number of the case benefitted by a payment to an informant, asset or cooperative witness. (If more than one case, see No. 10 below)
7 - Brief description of the type of expense to be paid.
8 - Amount requested for each type of expense.
9 - Total amount requested.
10 - Enter a brief justification for expense or advance requested. Indicate multiple cases benefitted by asset/information/CW payment if applicable. **For Field Office Use Only:** A justification electronic communication must be completed for informant/asset/CW expenses and placed in the applicable informant/asset/CW file, maintained in the field office.
11 - Check the proper answer to indicate if the requested expense is reimbursable as asset forfeiture related or as a payment for drug information.
12 - Your name.
13 - Your telephone number or extension.

APPROVAL:

14 - Each request should be reviewed by the employee's direct supervisor, who should initial the form to indicate review. Confidential expenses must be approved by signature of an ASAC or above. Expense/Advance requests for the purchase of supplies or equipment must be approved by the Supply Technician prior to payment. Commercial expenses must be approved by signature of an AOSM or above prior to payment. The Draft Approval Officer may approve commercial expenses under $50.00. Indicate the name of the FBIHQ procurement officer and telephonic authorization number (T- number), if appropriate. All advances and expenses must be approved by the Draft Approval Officer, who will complete the following parts of this form:

APPROVAL OFFICER:

15 - Vendor Number and Vendor Group Number.
16 - Classify the expense using Catalog Number (CAT) and Item Number.
17 - Obligation number if an advance is issued.
18 - Your cost center.
19 - Squad/RA code, if applicable.
20 - Follow-up date for advance liquidation.

DRAFT CASHIER:

21 - Document Number assigned to this transaction.
22 - Check if this transaction is confidential (CONF) or commercial (COMM).
23 - Draft Number.
24 - Date issued.
25 - Cashier initials.
26 - Enter advance settlement information when receipts are presented and the matching expense transaction is entered. If a supplemental draft is issued, complete blocks 27 to 30.
27 - Document Number issued to this transaction.
28 - Draft Number.
29 - Date issued.
30 - Cashier initials.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 05/06/2009

To: Intelligence Directorate **Attn:** Public Corruption/Civil Rights Intelligence Unit
UC [redacted]

Criminal Investigative **Attn:** Public Corruption Unit
SSA [redacted]

From: Anchorage
Squad 4
Contact: SA [redacted]

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Approved By: [redacted]

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Case ID #: 194A-AN-13620-YOUNG (Pending) -90

Title: POLAR PEN
CSLPO

Synopsis: To request analytical assistance from the Public Corruption/Civil Rights Intelligence Unit.

Details: The PC/CRIU is requested to provide analytical assistance to the POLAR PEN investigation, specifically involving corruption allegations concerning Representative Don Young (R-AK). [redacted] FBI Anchorage requests that the PC/CRIU assign IA [redacted] to assist with the analysis of these [redacted]. IA [redacted] has extensive experience in analyzing [redacted] and is also familiar with the details of the public corruption investigation concerning Representative Young.

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To: Intelligence Directorate From: Anchorage
Re: 194A-AN-13620-YOUNG, 05/06/2009

LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1: (Action)

INTELLIGENCE DIRECTORATE

AT WASHINGTON, DC

The PC/CRIU is requested to assign Intelligence Analyst [redacted] to provide analytical support to the above referenced investigation. b6 b7C

Set Lead 2: (Info)

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AT WASHINGTON, DC

Read and clear.

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Date of transcription 03/04/2009

[redacted] Date of Birth (DOB) [redacted] Social Security Number (SSN) [redacted] home address [redacted] and cellular telephone number [redacted] was interviewed at [redacted] BLUE NORTH FISHERIES, [redacted] After being advised as to the identities of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information:

[redacted] was raised in [redacted] and graduated from [redacted] with a Bachelor's Degree in [redacted] Following college, [redacted] went out to [redacted] In the late [redacted] BLUE NORTH FISHERIES. [redacted] the business with one boat, [redacted] and gradually built up the business. [redacted] in the open access fisheries in Cordova, Alaska, which is the Gulf of Alaska, [redacted] for halibut and black cod.

BLUE NORTH FISHERIES' home port is Seattle, Washington. When the fishing season is over in Alaska, the boats come back to Seattle, Washington for maintenance and repair. [redacted] fishing boats had typically fished in Alaska during the summer season, March through September, but now [redacted] boats fish during the winter season, which is August through February. They primarily fish for crab and cod in the Bering Sea. BLUE NORTH FISHERIES currently has nine boats that fish in Alaska, and one boat that provides waste disposal services in the American Samoa. The mainstay of their business is their cod fish boats, which employs a captain and approximately 20 employees per boat. The boats start out at the Dutch Harbor, and they don't return to port until the boats are completely filled with fish, which takes approximately 20-24 days in the open sea. The product is then put onto freights where they are shipped all over the world. The boats then go back to sea for more fishing.

GRANDE RONDE LODGE & RANCH

Investigation on 2/19/2009 at Seattle, Washington

File # 58C-WF-236658, -206 194A-AN-13620-YOUNG -89 Date dictated 3/4/2009

by SA [redacted]
SA

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The GRANDE RONDE RANCH & LODGE (hereinafter referred to as the Ranch) is a separate company from BLUE NORTH FISHERIES. In the [redacted] who is a big bird hunter, became aware of property that became available in Oregon. [redacted] the property for recreational use, so that they could hunt on the property. Over time, [redacted] additional properties that became available. [redacted] purchased horses and cows, and began a "cow/calf" operation, which is a for-profit business. The ranch has employees, tractors, horses and approximately 260-270 mother cows.

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The Ranch is also used for recreational purposes, primarily hunting and fishing. [redacted] explained that the property sits in an undeveloped area in Oregon, and there are all types of wildlife, to include deer, elk, bears and cougars on the property. The Ranch also sits adjacent to the Grande Ronde River, which provides for excellent fishing. [redacted] typically goes to the Ranch once a month, and will hunt with his friends during the hunting seasons. [redacted] will typically drive to the Ranch, which is a six and half hour drive from Seattle.

[redacted] GRANDE RONDE STEELHEAD & OUTFITTERS, which was a company that provided recreational services, hunting and fishing, at the Ranch to paying guests. They hosted a few for-profit trips at the Ranch, but the business never really got established. [redacted] on the cattle ranch business.

[redacted] of the Ranch. [redacted] was the one that pushed [redacted] the recreational side of the business. [redacted] the recreational hunting business, [redacted] the cattle operation.

CONGRESSMAN DONALD YOUNG TRIP TO GRANDE RONDE RANCH

[redacted] met CONGRESSMAN DONALD YOUNG through [redacted] of BLANK ROME GOVERNMENT RELATIONS (BRGR), a lobbying firm that was retained by BLUE NORTH FISHERIES. Over the course of working with [redacted] became aware of the Ranch, and it was a [redacted] to offer an invitation to

the Ranch to YOUNG. [redacted] was aware that YOUNG was an avid outdoors man and hunter, based upon conversations [redacted] had with YOUNG at YOUNG's office in Washington, D.C. YOUNG loved talking about wildlife, and he loved to relate hunting stories. [redacted] Ranch and check the place out.

[redacted]

In 2002/2003, BLUE NORTH FISHERIES encountered a problem when the NORTH PACIFIC FISHERIES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (NPFMC), an organization that manages the fisheries in Alaska, established quotas for crab fishing in Alaska. The quotas were based upon historical fishing data. The NPFMC did not give a quota to BLUE NORTH FISHERIES, as most of the quota shares were given to the larger fishing companies, who were well represented on the NPMFC. [redacted] that they were left out because they were a small company.

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[redacted] began looking for a lobbyist to contest the quotas, and [redacted] was either referred to [redacted] by an attorney, or by an employee that was researching the best firm to hire. [redacted] was hired by BLUE NORTH FISHERIES in [redacted] with the purpose of getting a crab share for their crab boat, BLUE DUTCH. [redacted] worked with [redacted] was able to get legislation introduced into Congress that provided crab shares to BLUE DUTCH.

[redacted] primary proponent on the crab rationalization issue was CONGRESSMAN DONALD YOUNG. [redacted] they were able to relay their story to YOUNG, and YOUNG felt that there was an injustice in BLUE NORTH FISHERIES being left out of the crab fishing business. YOUNG actually introduced legislation into Congress for their boat, BLUE DUTCH, to get crab rationalization shares. BLUE DUTCH received about half of the shares that they were seeking, which was significant to their business.

During the three years that they were seeking the crab shares, [redacted] flew to Washington, D.C. once or twice to meet with YOUNG. The meetings were coordinated through [redacted] also met with YOUNG several times in Seattle, when YOUNG passed through Seattle. [redacted] never met YOUNG in Alaska, and never attended a fishing event for the ALASKA SEA LIFE CENTER (ASLC).

[redacted] was in Washington, D.C. [redacted] several other congressional offices. [redacted] met with [redacted] to SENATOR TED STEVENS. [redacted] met with SENATOR WALDEN from Oregon. [redacted] met with these offices to discuss the crab rationalization issues.

[redacted] was asked about the additional monies [redacted] company makes based upon the issuance of the crab rationalization shares. [redacted] advised that they can now fish for crab based upon their shares, but that the quota changes on a yearly basis based upon various factors. Once they fill their quota, they can not fish for additional crab. [redacted] also explained ALASKAN CDQ GROUPS, in that BLUE DUTCH must partner with a Native American company to fish in the Bering Sea. This is to ensure monies for the native villages in Alaska. BLUE DUTCH partners with COASTAL VILLAGES, and they split the profits 50/50. However, given that, BLUE NORTH FISHERIES still makes a considerable profit, in the thousands, from the crab business. [redacted] that the seeking of the legislation was worth their time, money and effort. [redacted] explained that the legislation was a long-term deal, as it will impact their business way into the future.

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[redacted] advised that the legislation was pushed through the Coast Guard Committee. [redacted] did not know why the legislation came from the Coast Guard Committee. [redacted] was extremely helpful in pushing and negotiating the legislation through Congress. [redacted] was aware that [redacted] had previously worked for YOUNG, and that [redacted] had an excellent professional relationship with YOUNG. [redacted] would not tout his relationship with YOUNG, but [redacted] knew from [redacted] that YOUNG was the "guy to get this done for us".

[redacted] met YOUNG in YOUNG's office in Washington, D.C. [redacted] never had dinner with YOUNG while he was in Washington, D.C. [redacted] would meet YOUNG at fundraisers when YOUNG was in Seattle. [redacted] attended the fundraisers that were held at the Seattle Trade Center, which was typically on an annual basis. [redacted] believes that he attended three to four of these fundraisers. [redacted] attended these campaign fundraisers as a guest, and was not involved in the planning or organizing of the campaign fundraiser. [redacted] has never hosted a campaign fundraiser for YOUNG. [redacted] typically notified [redacted] of the campaign fundraisers for YOUNG. [redacted] believes that [redacted] was present for the YOUNG fundraisers in Seattle. However, [redacted] did

not encourage [redacted] to contribute funds to YOUNG's campaign. [redacted] did provide campaign funds to YOUNG, but did so because YOUNG understood the fishery issues in Alaska. [redacted] believes that he gave YOUNG approximately [redacted] also contributed funds to SENATORS STEVENS, CANTWELL and MURRAY. [redacted] has mailed in political contributions, and has dropped them off at the events at the Trade Center.

YOUNG's TRIP TO THE GRANDE RONDE RANCH

[redacted] advised that YOUNG has animal mounts, elk in particular, displayed at his (YOUNG's) office. On one of [redacted] visits to YOUNG's office, [redacted] and YOUNG started talking about a trip to the GRANDE RONDE RANCH. [redacted] YOUNG to the Ranch to hunt. A weekend was picked, and they coordinated the details of the trip through [redacted] advised that YOUNG came to the Ranch, and that YOUNG enjoyed his visit, which he thought lasted a day and a half. YOUNG may have had an elk tag, but YOUNG did not shoot an elk on the visit. YOUNG primarily walked through the woods enjoying the outdoors. The trip took place in the Fall of 2005. b6 b7C

[redacted] instructions to the staff at the Ranch in preparation of the visit. But, it was primarily that they needed to clean the place up, have a vehicle available, and ensure that drinks and food were available for the guests. Most of the food would have been from the Ranch, as they produce their own meat and grow their own vegetables. [redacted] brought some King Crab to the Ranch during the visit. It would have been King Crab [redacted]

[redacted] advised that YOUNG had a campaign fundraiser in Portland, Oregon before he came to the Ranch. [redacted] did not partake in the campaign fundraiser, and the campaign event was in no part affiliated with YOUNG's trip to the Ranch. There were no campaign activities while YOUNG was at the Ranch.

Following the fundraiser in Portland, Oregon, YOUNG flew to Lewiston, Idaho via private jet. The jet was [redacted] is originally from [redacted] and [redacted] is a big name in [redacted] Also [redacted] New York, and [redacted] had done work on some of [redacted] and one of [redacted] were on the plane with YOUNG, and they also lodged at the Ranch. Prior to the trip, somebody, probably [redacted] if

[redacted] could come to the Ranch with YOUNG. [redacted] said it was not a problem. Prior to the trip, [redacted] had never met [redacted] When the plane landed in Lewiston, Idaho, [redacted] picked up the group, and transported them to the Ranch.

The group that was at the Ranch that weekend included the following:

- CONGRESSMAN DONALD YOUNG
- LU YOUNG
- [redacted]

The group arrived late in the evening on the day of their arrival. DON and LU YOUNG slept in the house, as it had it's own bedroom and bathroom. [redacted] and [redacted] slept in the bunkhouse, while the [redacted] slept in the Lodge.

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[redacted] went out elk hunting. [redacted] believes that [redacted] may have gone fishing. Also, they did not have an elk tag for [redacted] because of their short notice coming to the Ranch. They had cow elk tags for YOUNG and [redacted] believes that they purchased the cow elk tags in May of that year. The tags go with a person's name, and they are not transferrable. [redacted] believes that they paid for YOUNG and [redacted] elk tags. The license would have cost $80 - $85/person, and the elk tag would have been an additional cost, approximately a couple hundred dollars. The cost of the elk tags were standard, and were required to be paid in advance. There were no refunds if the hunter was not successful in killing an elk. Also, the tag was only good during hunting season, which only lasted for a week to ten days.

[redacted] advised that when he and his brothers and friends hunt at the Ranch, they usually hunt by themselves, without a professional hunting guide. On this particular trip, [redacted] hired a hunting guide by the name of [redacted] The guide was hired to help handle the elk in the event that they killed one.

[redacted] advised that it is a nicer trip if they didn't have to wrestle with the handling of the elk themselves. [redacted] believes he paid the guide $150 - $200/day, and that it was probably for only one day.

During the trip, [redacted] killed an elk. [redacted] and [redacted] witnessed [redacted] shooting and killing the elk. In [redacted] opinion, [redacted] was not the most experienced hunter. However, [redacted] was aware that [redacted] hunted before, as [redacted] talked about a hunt in New Mexico. [redacted] did not recall the details of [redacted] hunting trip in New Mexico. [redacted] did not know if [redacted] had his own rifle, or if it was provided. [redacted] was present when [redacted] killed the elk, and he handled and processed the elk. [redacted] advised that they would have hung the elk for a week, and would have been sent to the butcher to process the meat.

[redacted] assumed that [redacted] elk would have been processed at the butcher, and the meat would have been shipped to [redacted] assumed that [redacted] would have paid for the processing and shipping of the meat, but is not sure if he [redacted] did.

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[redacted] advised that YOUNG was not very interested in shooting an elk during the visit. [redacted] believes that YOUNG just wanted to relax, and had said that he killed enough elk in his lifetime. [redacted] was not with YOUNG the entire time, and is not sure if YOUNG attempted to shoot an elk while he was at the Ranch. [redacted] did not know if YOUNG fished while at the Ranch. Bird hunting would have been available at the Ranch, but [redacted] could not recall if anyone bird hunted.

[redacted] advised that the Ranch paid for all food and drinks during YOUNG's visit to the Ranch. [redacted] did not believe there were a whole lot of costs associated with the trip. [redacted] never sent YOUNG a bill for his costs associated with the trip, nor did YOUNG ever ask to reimburse [redacted] for any costs. [redacted] did not recall if the Ranch produced an invoice for the trip. [redacted] advised that the Ranch typically did not produce invoices for short hunting trips that were recreational in nature. [redacted] advised that he could not put a value on the hunting weekend.

[redacted] was asked if he discussed legislation or business with YOUNG during the weekend. [redacted] advised that he did not discuss legislation or business with YOUNG during the trip.

[redacted] advised that the legislation that YOUNG introduced did not happen until 2006, and was a pending issue before YOUNG at the time of the trip. [redacted] was asked if he had any discussions with [redacted] regarding rules on providing gifts to YOUNG or his staffers. [redacted] had no discussions with [redacted] regarding things of value provided to YOUNG or his staffers. [redacted] assumed that the trip was appropriate because [redacted] the trip, and YOUNG accepted. It never crossed [redacted] mind to check into the legality of the trip. b6 b7C

[redacted] believes that he may have discussed the reimbursement of the elk tags with [redacted] advised that there is a potential [redacted] may have been reimbursed. [redacted] did not know who paid for the plane, and it was a complete surprise to [redacted] that [redacted] was coming to the Ranch. [redacted] had no knowledge of [redacted] relationship with YOUNG, or what [redacted] was seeking from YOUNG. There was little business conversation during the trip, as it was more of a relaxing weekend.

[redacted] was asked about LU YOUNG. [redacted] advised that LU YOUNG had some special requests, which included DASANI Water, a king-sized bed (they did not have one or provide one), and fresh food. [redacted] did not recall any special alcohol requests for LU YOUNG. [redacted] entertained LU YOUNG while YOUNG hunted, and on one day [redacted] drove LU YOUNG into town. [redacted] used a Ranch vehicle to drive LU YOUNG. YOUNG probably stayed with LU YOUNG when [redacted] hunted.

YOUNG was invited back to the Ranch in 2006, but he (YOUNG) could not fit it into his schedule because it was an election year.

[redacted] did recall the bird hunting during the trip. The group drove to a friend's place, which was approximately 30 minutes from the Ranch. The birds are planted and released, so that it makes the bird hunting more exciting. [redacted] does not recall how many birds were shot, or how much they paid for the bird hunting. [redacted] recalled that [redacted] YOUNG and [redacted] were some of those that went bird hunting.

[redacted] the staff at the Ranch any instructions to make the trip "first-class". [redacted] to make sure that YOUNG and LU YOUNG had a comfortable and pleasant time when they were at the Ranch. The meals were

very nice, as they had steaks, salmon and King Crab. There were more people coming to the Ranch than usual, so [redacted] wanted to make it a festive event. b6 b7C

[redacted] handled the cooking during the trip. [redacted] recalled that [redacted] brought a friend to the Ranch to assist with the cooking and cleaning. [redacted] would have purchased the food for the trip, and would have paid for it out of the Ranch account. [redacted] or the Ranch, would have paid for the services for the friend assisting with the cooking and cleaning. The Ranch would also have also paid for the guide during the trip.

[redacted], in that the YOUNGS' arrived on a Friday night, stayed the weekend, and departed on Monday morning.

[redacted] advised that he did not attend that campaign fundraiser for YOUNG. b3 b6 b7C

[redacted] was asked about a meeting between [redacted] YOUNG and [redacted] on March 21, 2005 in Seattle, Washington. [redacted] was not sure of the nature of the meeting that [redacted] had with YOUNG and [redacted] advised that the cost of a bull elk tag in Oregon is the same price as a cow elk, but the difference is that bull elk tags are not guaranteed, as there is a lottery system by which they are issued.

[redacted] Ranch. [redacted] advised that [redacted] at BLUE NORTH FISHERIES for a short period of time.

[redacted] was asked if LU YOUNG was difficult at the Ranch. [redacted] advised that he got along with LU YOUNG. LU YOUNG would make a comment about something not to her liking once or twice, but she was fine overall. [redacted] did not treat LU YOUNG like a queen while she was at the Ranch. b6 b7C

[redacted] was asked if the guide was tipped for his services. [redacted] did not know if the hunters tipped the guide. It would have been normal protocol for [redacted] to tip the guide since the guide was handling his elk. [redacted] did not know what a reasonable tip would be, as [redacted] typically does not hunt. b6 b7C

[redacted] was shown e-mails between [redacted] and [redacted] dated [redacted] regarding the meat processing costs for [redacted] elk. [redacted] recalled that he told [redacted] to pay the [redacted] for [redacted] elk meat. [redacted] is not sure if he was reimbursed by [redacted] but probably would have inquired regarding reimbursement through [redacted] did not know if he was ever reimbursed. b6 b7C

[redacted] was shown a photo taken during the trip to the RANCH. [redacted] advised that the picture was of the group at the main lodge. [redacted] identified YOUNG, LU YOUNG, [redacted] and [redacted] in the photograph. [redacted] acknowledged that they were having a nice dinner as he wanted it to be special for the group.

[redacted] any other politicians or public officials to the Ranch. [redacted] advised that only YOUNG was invited to the Ranch, as YOUNG was a hunter and outdoors man, and could truly appreciate the Ranch. [redacted] wanted to show YOUNG a good time. b6 b7C

[redacted] was asked if he could recall an invoice, of approximately $8,000, from the Ranch, to bill BLUE NORTH FISHERIES for the trip that was produced by [redacted] was not sure of the invoice, but it made sense since the trip was a BLUE NORTH FISHERIES expense. [redacted] explained that it was a BLUE NORTH FISHERIES expense because YOUNG was involved in the fisheries legislation. [redacted] explained that he wanted to show YOUNG a good time at the Ranch because he (YOUNG) was being helpful to them on the crab rationalization legislation.

While [redacted] was involved in the trip, [redacted] took full responsibility for coordinating the trip and making sure everything went well. [redacted] that providing the trip to YOUNG was not permissible. Neither YOUNG, [redacted] or [redacted] ever raised the issue of the trip as being a reportable gift. [redacted] advised that he is a "non-politico", and only knew that there were limitations regarding b6 b7C

political contributions. Neither YOUNG, [redacted] or [redacted] ever mentioned reimbursing [redacted] for any costs associated with the trip, or asking for an invoice that relayed the value of the trip. [redacted] did not know why [redacted] was on the trip, other than [redacted] was YOUNG's "right-hand" man.

[redacted] was not aware if the Portland fundraiser was organized before or after the trip to the Ranch was arranged.

[redacted] advised that he never sent any fish to YOUNG or [redacted] recalled that he may have sent fish for a fundraiser for CANTWELL. b6 b7C

[redacted] extended invitations to YOUNG to return to the Ranch in 2006 and 2007, but it never worked out.

At the conclusion of the interview, the interviewing agents asked [redacted] if the agents could interview [redacted] for BLUE NORTH FISHERIES. [redacted] advised that he was uncomfortable with the agents interviewing [redacted] and advised that he needed to consult with an attorney before allowing the agents to interview [redacted] The agents acquiesced to [redacted] request and advised that they would not interview [redacted] at this time. [redacted] a Federal Grand Jury (FGJ) Subpoena [redacted] b3 b6 b7C

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 12/18/2008

[redacted] Date of Birth (DOB) [redacted] Social Security Number (SSN) [redacted] home address [redacted] New York 13066, and cellular telephone number [redacted] was interviewed at the offices of the DEPARTMENT of JUSTICE - PUBLIC INTEGRITY SECTION (DOJ-PIS) in Washington, D.C. [redacted] left DESTINY USA in [redacted] Present for the interview were [redacted] and [redacted] Attorneys, of the Law Firm PATTON BOGGS LLP, 2550 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037, who were representing [redacted]. Also present for the interview were DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE - PUBLIC INTEGRITY SECTION (DOJ-PIS) Trial [redacted] as well as FEDERAL BUREAU of INVESTIGATION (FBI) Intelligence Analyst (IA) [redacted] After being advised as to the identity of the interviewing agent, Trial Attorney, and Intelligence Analyst, and the nature of the interview, [redacted]

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[redacted] graduated from the [redacted] with a Bachelor's Degree in [redacted] office, [redacted] for approximately [redacted]

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[redacted] that worked at RYRAMID MANAGEMENT GROUP (RYRAMID). [redacted]

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[redacted] in the expansion of the CAROUSEL CENTER MALL in Syracuse, New York. [redacted]

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was not a traditional company. [redacted]

[redacted] was a tough boss, as he had high expectations and held all of his employees accountable. [redacted] commented that the culture was not for everybody, and as a result, there was a lot of employee turnover [redacted]

[redacted]

did not change, [redacted]
and business operations of DESTINY USA, [redacted]

vendors and the marketing side of the business. [redacted] the government relations side of the business. [redacted] decisions regarding that side of the business [redacted]

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[redacted] as having an "in-charge persona", who was very "focused" and had "big vision" ideas. While [redacted] decision maker at DESTINY USA. [redacted] was a self-made and successful [redacted] who had little room for incompetence. [redacted] was tough and was demanding of [redacted]

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The DESTINY USA project initially was going to be a $900 Million three-phase expansion of the CAROUSEL CENTER MALL. Ultimately, [redacted] the project as more than just a business, but as it being about America. [redacted] the project got "off the track", [redacted] the project being a for-profit business plan. When [redacted] talk about the philosophy of the project and public benefits that DESTINY USA would have to offer. This created tensions with the bankers, as they were concerned more about being paid back than the public benefits that DESTINY USA had to offer. [redacted]

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GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

[redacted] local and state government [redacted] DESTINY USA. [redacted] the Mayor of Syracuse when they were trying to re-

negotiate their agreement with the City. As the business grew, and over time, [redacted] state and local government relations.

[redacted] in the government relations arena, [redacted] did not socialize in the political networks. [redacted] a relationship with GOVERNOR GEORGE PATAKI and CONGRESSMAN JIM WALSH, and spent vacation time with the CLINTONS, [redacted] was not very politically connected. In addition, [redacted] did not possess a knowledge of the legislative process. Prior to DESTINY USA, all of [redacted] projects were done privately, and with the exception of zoning issues, had very little government involvement. Because of DESTINY USA's public impact and involvement, there was a steep learning curve in understanding the process.

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Prior to joining DESTINY USA [redacted] had been the [redacted] had been exposed to Washington, D.C. politics because of trade agreements. [redacted] also had a family member in state politics, [redacted] experienced in government relations matters. [redacted] look to the federal government as a potential resource for the DESTINY USA project. [redacted] and as such, [redacted] contacts with lobbyists on Capitol Hill.

[redacted] the legislative projects [redacted] was the individual who doled out the incentives and recognition, [redacted] may have been going to [redacted] directly and privately with the progress [redacted]

LOBBYISTS

[redacted] Washington, D.C., and as a result, DESTINY USA hired the lobbying firm of THE CARMEN GROUP. THE CARMEN GROUP came to Syracuse and gave a presentation of what the Syracuse region received in federal funding, and informed them that the region's Congressman, JIM WALSH, was on the Appropriations Committee. While DESTINY USA worked with THE CARMEN GROUP, [redacted] did not know what they did as [redacted] was not involved in that process.

WILLIAMS & JENSEN was also hired as a lobbyist by DESTINY USA. [redacted] with WILLIAMS & JENSEN, was working on proposed legislation known as "GREEN BONDS". [redacted] had a strong capability in writing legislative language, and actually came to Syracuse to draft proposed legislation for the GREEN BONDS. [redacted] understood how legislation was adopted and enacted.

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In 2002/2003, DESTINY USA convened a group of experts to discuss environmental and energy issues. The experts introduced them to the idea of operating DESTINY USA on renewable energy, so that the project would be self-sustainable. [redacted] loved the idea and ordered that the DESTINY USA project be built "green" and fueled by renewable energy.

[redacted] the cheapest source of capital was tax-exempt financing, as it allowed them to borrow more and pay less interest. Because of the environmental endeavor DESTINY USA was taking on, they proposed the GREEN BONDS legislation to obtain the tax-exempt financing. The legislative process, of which [redacted] was very involved, took 2-3 years, but was eventually enacted into law. [redacted] became very passionate about the "green" project, and wanted the environmental standards in the GREEN BONDS bill to be very high. [redacted] only wanted companies that were truly committed to the "Green" vision to be eligible for the money. [redacted] also recommended that the companies, should re-invest the savings they derived from the tax-exempt financing into research and development for green technologies.

[redacted] and [redacted] on the GREEN BONDS legislation. They worked hard with the coalition of green projects, as well as met with numerous Members of Congress to generate support for the proposal. UNITED STATES SENATOR CHARLES SCHUMER was the lead sponsor for the GREEN BONDS legislation.

BLANK ROME GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS (BRGR) was also hired by DESTINY USA as a lobbyist. [redacted] did not know how BRGR was hired, or what BRGR was working on for DESTINY USA. [redacted] assumed that BRGR was hired to introduce DESTINY USA to more public officials. [redacted] BRGR that they worked with. [redacted] was told that [redacted] was close to CONGRESSMAN DON YOUNG, as [redacted] was the [redacted] with BRGR and [redacted] and [redacted] would have made any decisions that involved the lobbyists and government relations matters.

SAVANNAH DHU

[redacted] described SAVANNAH DHU (SD) as a magical place. [redacted] property. [redacted] to SD, which is located in an obscure town of Savannah, New York. The main lodge, known as the PINES LODGE, [redacted] It was a 35,000 square foot home that was an "over-creation". The PINES LODGE was re-built because of a fire that burned down the previous lodge. [redacted] a smaller version of the DESTINY USA project. [redacted] this "magical place" in the middle of nowhere, [redacted] this awesome DESTINY USA project.

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[redacted] the PINES LODGE, [redacted] to the WEST LODGE. The WEST LODGE is an intimate self-contained building. [redacted] the lodge [redacted] when they first arrived to SD. At that point in [redacted]

[redacted] The PINES LODGE was designed and decorated by [redacted] and as such, was designed like a home. [redacted]

[redacted] were no distractions, no e-mail or cell phone contact, as you were ostensibly cut off from the outside world. Business people who visited SD were fascinated by the place, and it created a sense of "what's possible". [redacted] DESTINY USA used SD extensively, and estimated that over 15,000 people came through SD. There was also the social aspect of SD, as it was used for fishing and hunting activities.

SD had three uses; the first being for [redacted] the second to host meetings pertaining to DESTINY USA; and the third being a facility to host not-for-profit charitable events. After the PINES LODGE was completed, [redacted] built the Conference Barn at SD. While the PINES LODGE was more like [redacted] the Conference Barn was used for conferences, and was more business friendly. The Conference Barn had internet access and meeting rooms.

[redacted] was asked if he attended any political events or fundraisers at SD. [redacted] believes he attended one fundraiser, but usually he tried to avoid those events. [redacted] was not sure of the date of the fundraiser, or who was even there.

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[redacted] was asked about the billing practices at SD. [redacted] was aware that there was an intra-company cost allocation when DESTINY USA used SD for an event, but [redacted] did not know how it was handled.

When [redacted] was at SD, he was typically there for business. [redacted] to SD on a couple of occasions, but not often, as he did not want to [redacted] it was a "luxurious" place to stay.

[redacted] explained that SD was used as a significant marketing tool for DESTINY USA. [redacted] When one arrived at SD, DESTINY USA was everywhere. There were posters, billboards and displays in the underground garage and in the Conference Barn. The PINES LODGE did not have DESTINY USA materials as that was seen more as [redacted] The signs were displayed year round, as they were used as educational brochures on the project. [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] for the scheduling of SD, and [redacted] when coordinating events at SD. [redacted] advised that the level of service at SD was top-notch. [redacted] workers from the local community who had the ability to make guests feel comfortable at SD. [redacted] had the best chefs at SD because [redacted] loved food. The food cooked was typically meat of animals that were killed at SD.

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Hunting and fishing activities were welcomed at SD, but they needed to be coordinated in advance. SD can fully outfit and provide all gear for hunting activities. [redacted] was asked about elk hunting at SD. [redacted] understood elk hunting to be a "cool thing" at SD, but never did it as [redacted] understood it to be a "different process". Elks are rare at SD, as they are imported into SD, and then raised and bred. [redacted] understood the high costs behind the elks. Because there is a limited number of elk, [redacted] the elk hunting. [redacted]

[redacted] never witnessed any of the DESTINY USA employees elk hunt at SD.

[redacted] believes that most of the guests at SD loved being there, as he read the guest book comments of people who visited. Some of the comments regarding SD included "greatest experience", "spectacular", "calming feeling", and SD has "an appeal to it".

Taxidermy was standard protocol at SD, as the SD team took care of everything after an animal was killed, from butchering the animal to taking care of the taxidermy services. [redacted] typically would pay for the taxidermy services when [redacted] hunted as part of business activities. [redacted] paid for taxidermy services when he hunted at SD with [redacted]

POLITICAL FUNDRAISERS

[redacted] being involved in campaign fundraising, as they were prolific in pushing for money for fundraising events. [redacted]

time, [redacted] on the benefits of the campaign fundraising. [redacted] was very direct about the fundraising, as he would say that they needed to raise money. [redacted]

[redacted] never quite understood the purpose of the fundraising, or why it was necessary. [redacted] assumed that the fundraising was done to expose the DESTINY USA project to public officials.

[redacted] was asked if he ever discussed the billing of SD for the political fundraisers. [redacted] a process in place to charge for SD facility usage. [redacted] believes there was a difference in price for the PINES LODGE, as compared to the Conference Barn. [redacted] there was a slight difference, but not a dramatic difference. [redacted] believes that DESTINY USA was doing everything correctly regarding the fundraising events at SD [redacted] appeared to be "on top of the rules" regarding the costs.

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[redacted] was asked about the private planes owned by PYRAMID. [redacted] advised that there was a scheduling process for the use of the plane, but unlike SD, the level of justification was stricter, as the use of the planes were expensive. [redacted] advised [redacted] did not overflow to the plane. [redacted] had to sign off on the use of the plane. The plane did not belong to DESTINY USA.

CONGRESSMAN DON YOUNG

The first [redacted] heard of YOUNG was when [redacted] meeting YOUNG in Washington, D.C. They explained that YOUNG had an "exotic" office with many animal mounts as YOUNG was a big outdoors man. [redacted] YOUNG on the DESTINY USA project, and that he appeared interested.

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[redacted] because he was the most outdoors oriented [redacted] didn't fish, as he may have been with LU YOUNG. [redacted] described YOUNG as being very outgoing and friendly. [redacted] learned that Alaska had only one Congressman. [redacted] they probably discussed the DESTINY USA project, but that there was a [redacted] and YOUNG got along. They appeared to be best friends. They shared a connection as they both loved the outdoors and considered themselves American patriots. [redacted] believes that when he met YOUNG it was YOUNG's first trip to SD. YOUNG was there on a weekday because [redacted] thought it was important for the project [redacted] YOUNG. [redacted] had been told that YOUNG was the Chairman of the Transportation and Infrastructure (T&I) Committee, and that he was an important person because of the influence he had in Congress. It was also at this time that the Federal Highway Bill was evolving, in which YOUNG would play a significant role. [redacted]

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[redacted] because of the size of DESTINY USA project, public infrastructure would have a significant role in the project. New York State received federal monies through a formula, and New York State decided where the money would go. [redacted] DESTINY USA was seeking monies that would directly go to Syracuse. [redacted] did not understand why [redacted] were lobbying YOUNG so heavily as he did not see the benefit to DESTINY USA. [redacted] was lobbying YOUNG to assist the country. [redacted] pitching YOUNG on the use of technology to build infrastructure. [redacted] was looking at the national impact of technology, and encouraged YOUNG to do the same by using the federal government as that vehicle.

[redacted] advised that YOUNG shot and killed an elk on his first trip to SD. [redacted] would have taken care of the billing for YOUNG's visit to SD. [redacted] recalled SD sending YOUNG the elk mount. [redacted] did not know who paid for the mount, but speculated that [redacted] probably paid for the taxidermy services. It would not have been unusual, as [redacted] was very generous. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] recalled a photo of YOUNG with the elk on a photo board on the first floor of the Conference Barn where all the hunting gear is stored. [redacted] b3 b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] was asked about LU YOUNG. [redacted] advised that it was a running joke that it was important to keep LU YOUNG happy. LU YOUNG was of "higher maintenance", as she required certain things when she came to SD or was on the plane.

[redacted] did not have much of a working relationship with [redacted] The main point of contact with [redacted]

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

[redacted] was asked about YOUNG's role in the GREEN BONDS issue. [redacted] did not recall YOUNG being involved in the GREEN BONDS issue. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] was asked about YOUNG's role in the Transportation Project of National Regional Significance (PRNS) designation for DESTINY USA. [redacted] understood that the PRNS designation was just a "moniker" for the project and that it was no-cost to the government. [redacted] understood that the designation was used for those projects that were large in scope. Also, DESTINY USA sought earmarks for a 3-D Modeling Technology language in the Federal Highway Bill. [redacted] believes that [redacted] a T&I Staffer, [redacted] understood that DESTINY USA received two $5 Million earmarks, but the monies went to Syracuse, not to the project itself. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] recalled [redacted] going to Washington, D.C. to [redacted] the federal government to put the 3-D Modeling Technology in the Federal Highway Bill. [redacted] YOUNG b6 b7C b7D

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[redacted] was asked about patents for the 3-D Modeling Technology. [redacted] was not very interested in the patents, as he just wanted to control the technology so that he could make it available to others. [redacted]

[redacted] about the 3-D Modeling Technology and was pushing it on YOUNG because he thought it would be good for America. [redacted] a 3-D Modeling Technology Conference that was hosted by YOUNG in Washington, D.C. [redacted] the technology companies that were working on the DESTINY USA project. DESTINY USA was able to get YOUNG to invite the CEO's of the ten largest technology companies in the United States to the conference, however, most of the companies just sent a senior representative to the Conference. [redacted] wanted the invitation to come from YOUNG so as to give credibility to the Conference. [redacted] believed that he could convince YOUNG to support his ideas. The Conference and 3-D Modeling Technology were of high importance to [redacted]

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[redacted] DESTINY USA was identified as a pilot site to test the technology applications in the Federal Highway Bill.

OREGON TRIP

[redacted] a hunting trip with [redacted] and YOUNG in [redacted] The hunting trip came about from an invitation from YOUNG to [redacted] to go hunting in Oregon. [redacted] was not seeking earmarks or monies for the DESTINY USA project, [redacted] to build the project at no-cost to the taxpayer. [redacted] high standards in dealing with the public sector as they were aware of the negative media attention that could result in developing a huge project as DESTINY USA. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] YOUNG to Portland, Oregon [redacted] The plane enabled [redacted] did not know who or how the plane was arranged. [redacted] YOUNG on the plane and about the upcoming hunt. They did not discuss the fundraiser in Portland, Oregon.

From Washington, D.C., they flew to Portland, Oregon, and were driven to a hotel in Portland for a campaign fundraiser for YOUNG. The fundraiser was sponsored by a law firm. [redacted] were not present for the fundraiser. [redacted] being at the fundraiser. [redacted] found it odd that YOUNG flew six hours to Portland, Oregon for a less than two hour fundraiser, [redacted] did not make a campaign contribution at the fundraiser. [redacted] the fundraiser and hunting trip as two separate events, as the hunting trip was no how affiliated or apart of the campaign fundraiser.

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[redacted] did not recall him going on the hunting trip.

After the fundraiser in Portland, Oregon, [redacted] YOUNG, LU YOUNG and [redacted] they took ground transportation back, i.e., car service, to the airport, and then flew to Lewiston, Idaho. [redacted] and [redacted] were at the airport when they arrived, and they transported the group, via two vehicles, to the GRANDE RONDE LODGE, in Oregon. The car ride from the airport to their lodge took approximately one hour.

They arrived at the GRANDE RONDE LODGE (Lodge) on Friday night. [redacted] The YOUNG's lodged in a log cabin that was adjacent to the Lodge. The next morning they all had breakfast. [redacted] did not know what [redacted] did on Saturday morning.

On Saturday morning, [redacted] YOUNG had a permit to shoot a cow elk. [redacted] it was a difficult process to get a bull elk permit in Oregon as they were issued through a lottery. The cow elk permits were easier to obtain, and this is the permit that YOUNG had been issued. [redacted] did not know the price of the cow elk permit, or who or how the permit was paid. [redacted]

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[redacted] did not recall [redacted] hunting, [redacted] couldn't hunt because he had to [redacted] that he had to work this trip, [redacted] and on this trip, he was responsible for [redacted] did not say who he went with on the hunt, or who paid for the trip. [redacted]

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[redacted] the costs associated with the hunting trip at the Lodge. [redacted] did not pay for anything, and believed that they were guests of the [redacted] wondered to himself, how all these things happen, as YOUNG did not appear to be a "business guy" who was independently wealthy. [redacted] wondered how the "process" works, as how does a public official get to go on an all-expense paid hunting trip. [redacted] wondered about [redacted]

[redacted] advised that the [redacted] Lodge was a "beautiful place", as there were unique animals in that part of the country. [redacted] appeared to know YOUNG quite well based upon their social interactions. [redacted] advised that the hunting trip was "purely social", and there was no fundraiser or discussions of fundraisers during the hunting trip. [redacted] did not know who paid for the food.

[redacted] believes that [redacted] took LU YOUNG to a Indian Burial Museum and took her shopping during the hunting trip. LU YOUNG also spent a lot of time playing cards.

On Monday morning, they [redacted] YOUNG, LU YOUNG and [redacted] flew back to Washington, D.C., where the YOUNG's and [redacted] were dropped off. [redacted] and [redacted] then flew back to Syracuse. [redacted]

[redacted] was bringing his family to SD as they were passing through on a trip to [redacted]

[redacted] believes that [redacted] came to SD at the invitation of [redacted] would often tell people to bring their family to SD.

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[redacted] trip to SD as a social family outing. [redacted] did not know if [redacted] paid anything for his stay at SD, but assumed he was staying for free as he was a guest of [redacted] didn't think much regarding [redacted] trip to SD, as business people were frequently invited to lodge at SD with their family. [redacted] more a social outing than being business related.

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either [redacted] or [redacted] was the "gatekeeper" for YOUNG. [redacted] did not see [redacted] as a substantive staffer, but viewed him as someone whose job it was to take care of and handle DON and LU YOUNG.

SAVANNAH DHU TRIPS

[redacted] was asked if he was aware that YOUNG came to SD in November 2004. [redacted] was not familiar with YOUNG's trip to SD in 2004, but it was not unusual for [redacted] to offer invitations to SD. [redacted] had no recollection of a Transportation Summit being planned or hosted at SD in 2004.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] went to Seward, Alaska, with [redacted] to attend both a fundraiser for YOUNG and a charity event auction that involved LU YOUNG. [redacted] elk hunting trip at SD to be auctioned at the charity in an effort to raise money for the charity. [redacted] understood that the charity was of high importance to DON and LU YOUNG. YOUNG's participation in the elk hunting trip was part of the auctioned trip. The auctioned trips raised a lot of money for the charity.

[redacted] was asked about YOUNG coming to SD in November 2005. [redacted] only heard about the hunting trip [redacted] Other than hearing that [redacted] was on the trip, [redacted] did not say much about the trip. [redacted] advised that the November time frame is the best time to hunt at SD.

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[redacted] was asked about YOUNG coming to SD in 2006 and 2007. [redacted] had no recollection of YOUNG coming to SD in 2006 and 2007. [redacted] saw [redacted] and YOUNG as friends, and it would not have surprised him if [redacted] invited YOUNG to SD on multiple occasions.

[redacted] if there was ever any discussions or concerns about YOUNG's trips to SD. [redacted] advised that there was some discussion regarding the issue when a Syracuse newspaper printed an article that questioned the relationship between [redacted] and YOUNG. [redacted]

[redacted] was asked about a flight for YOUNG from Ellensburg, Washington to Washington, D.C. [redacted] did not recall the plane being provided for YOUNG, and does not know why DESTINY USA would have provided a plane to YOUNG.

[redacted] the 3-D Modeling Conference in Washington, D.C. [redacted] was asked if he was aware of [redacted] shooting a buck at SD. [redacted] did not recall [redacted]

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shooting a buck at SD. [redacted]

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[redacted] recalled that [redacted] came to SD with a friend to hunt. [redacted] was very fond of [redacted] as [redacted] became inspired by [redacted] story when [redacted] met [redacted] in Washington, D.C. [redacted]

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very active lifestyle. When [redacted] wanted to make DESTINY USA handicap accessible, [redacted] advised that [redacted] hunted on [redacted]

[redacted] understood that [redacted] was involved in the drafting of the Transportation Bill. [redacted] did not know if [redacted] was drafting legislation to benefit DESTINY USA. [redacted] did not sense that [redacted] was a decision maker on Capitol Hill, but was more of a staff member that [redacted] admired.

Note: At this point in the interview, DOJ-PIS Trial Attorney [redacted] joined the interview to ask questions regarding FORMER CONGRESSMAN TOM DELAY.

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CONGRESSMAN TOM DELAY

[redacted] was providing a plane to fly CONGRESSMAN TOM DELAY from Syracuse to Jacksonville, Florida for the Super Bowl. DELAY was going to be at SD that weekend for an event benefitting his charitable foundation. [redacted]

Thus, on Super Bowl Sunday, in January/February 2005, [redacted] DELAY at the airport in Syracuse, and they flew directly to Jacksonville, Florida. [redacted] DELAY [redacted] was able to use the private plane to fly to Jacksonville, Florida

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as he was a public official. DELAY advised that there were different rules for fundraising trips, and it was permissible for him to use a private plane to travel to fundraisers.

[redacted] they flew back to Syracuse. DELAY was not on their flight back to Syracuse.

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[redacted] was asked about the Foundation event at SD. [redacted] was not involved and did not attend the event, but recalled that DELAY's wife was involved in the event. [redacted] did not write a check for the Foundation, or for DELAY's fundraiser in Florida.

[redacted] was asked about [redacted] recalled that [redacted] periodically came to SD, but he was not involved in any of her trips to SD. [redacted] did not recall [redacted] inviting a South Africa government official to SD.

[redacted] was asked about [redacted] being invited to SD. [redacted] was aware that [redacted] hunted at SD. [redacted] thought that the invitation to [redacted] did not recall [redacted] believes that the invitation was made at the suggestion of [redacted] did not recall any discussions on how to bill [redacted] for his expenses at SD.

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[redacted] Date of Birth (DOB) [redacted] Social Security Number (SSN) [redacted] home address [redacted] and home telephone number [redacted] was interviewed at the offices of the DEPARTMENT of JUSTICE - PUBLIC INTEGRITY SECTION (DOJ-PIS) in Washington, D.C. [redacted]

Present for the interview were [redacted] Attorney, and [redacted] Attorney, of the Law Firm MAYER BROWN, 1909 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006, who were representing [redacted] Also present for the interview were DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE - PUBLIC INTEGRITY SECTION (DOJ-PIS) Trial Attorneys [redacted] and [redacted] as well as FEDERAL BUREAU of INVESTIGATION (FBI) Intelligence Analyst (IA) [redacted]. After being advised as to the identity of the interviewing agents, Trial Attorneys, and Intelligence Analyst, and the nature of the interview, [redacted]

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[redacted] has a Bachelor's of Arts (BA) Degree in [redacted] went on to receive a Master's Degree in [redacted] New York. Thereafter, [redacted]

[redacted] moved back to [redacted] New York to work for [redacted] After completing a [redacted]

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As part of [redacted] effort to obtain community [redacted] was a well-regarded businessman in [redacted] was not impressed with the [redacted] would be part of an entertainment complex, known as DESTINY USA, that he was planning to develop. [redacted] intention of building his [redacted]

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[redacted] the DESTINY USA project was going to be more than a mall, as it had plans for restaurants, hotel, indoor golf and other attractions. [redacted] the DESTINY USA project to be the first of its kind, and would [redacted]

[redacted] the project was to be the first of its kind, [redacted] representatives from various fields, to include architects and scientists, [redacted] DESTINY USA was trying to build "green", [redacted]

could be federal programs available to assist them in their efforts, to include public financing.

TAX-EXEMPT FINANCING

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[redacted] Because DESTINY USA was going to be a massive "green project", and the first of its kind, the project could be viewed as serving the public's interest. [redacted] the DESTINY USA project could have a national impact as it would serve as the model program for "green" construction in the future, and could be viewed as "a living lab" for green technology. Because of the significant value the DESTINY USA project could have in the United States, [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] with their local Congressman, CONGRESSMAN JIM WALSH. [redacted]

LOBBYISTS

Lobbyists were not a new concept to DESTINY USA, as they had used the CARMEN GROUP on some federal legislative issues. DESTINY USA decided to hire the federal lobbying firm of WILLIAMS & JENSEN to assist them in their efforts to obtain tax exempt financing. [redacted] to hire WILLIAMS & JENSEN. [redacted] WILLIAMS & JENSEN to assist on trade agreement issues. WILLIAMS & JENSEN was hired to formulate the legislative language and lobby Congress to get the legislative language enacted into law.

[redacted] and [redacted] at WILLIAMS & JENSEN that handled the legislative tax-exempt

financing issues, [redacted] the lead from DESTINY USA in working with WILLIAMS & JENSEN on those issues.

The lobbying strategy utilized by WILLIAMS & JENSEN was to educate the Members of Congress in New York on "this amazing project" to garner their support. WILLIAMS & JENSEN "knew how to open doors", and were able to get them briefings with Members of Congress. [redacted] meet with the New York Members of Congress, in Washington, D.C., and provide them with an overview of the DESTINY USA project so that they would embrace the project. After they met with Members from New York, they would meet with any Members of Congress that would listen in order to further expose the project.

The legislative language sought by DESTINY USA evolved, as they originally wanted tax-exempt financing for the DESTINY USA project. WILLIAMS & JENSEN believed that because of the specificity of the language, the proposed bill could be viewed as "pork" by some legislators, and would have difficulty passing in Congress. The language that they were seeking and the amount of the financing was too large a bill for just WALSH to carry. WILLIAMS & JENSEN believed that they needed additional Congressional support, and recommended that they reach out to key Congressional Committee Members. [redacted]

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SAVANNAH DHU

[redacted] SAVANNAH DHU was [redacted] "amazing hunting lodge" which was used to entertain and host businessman, architects, scientists and public officials to gather support and market the DESTINY USA project. [redacted] that SAVANNAH DHU was an important marketing tool for DESTINY USA, as the DESTINY USA project was still conceptual, and people had a difficult time envisioning a world-class entertainment complex in Syracuse, New York. Thus, when people arrived at SAVANNAH DHU, which was in the middle of nowhere, they were blown away by the creativity and uniqueness of the lodge. [redacted] visitors to see that SAVANNAH DHU was just a smaller version of DESTINY USA, [redacted] SAVANNAH DHU gave credibility to the DESTINY USA Project, and thus, they would host Summits at SAVANNAH DHU as often as possible.

[redacted] an environmental summit at SAVANNAH DHU to help design a "Green Program".

[redacted] SAVANNAH DHU was not just a "hunting lodge", as DESTINY USA billboards and models were displayed everywhere at SAVANNAH DHU. If businessman and public officials came to SAVANNAH DHU, [redacted] with DESTINY USA. If they were hunting and fishing, [redacted] a DESTINY USA executive with them talking about the project. [redacted] marketed DESTINY USA "24/7", and [redacted] the accounting and billing of SAVANNAH DHU. [redacted] was not involved in the accounting of SAVANNAH DHU, and did not know how events at SAVANNAH DHU were billed or expensed.

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[redacted] public officials visiting SAVANNAH DHU. There were several events held at SAVANNAH DHU that included public officials. The focus of the events were to update the public officials as to the status of the DESTINY USA project. The majority of the public officials visiting SAVANNAH DHU, typically just for the day, were local officials, to include WALSH. DESTINY USA wanted to meet with the local officials to get them engaged and gather their support for the project.

GREEN BONDS

WILLIAMS & JENSEN advised DESTINY USA that for them to be successful in obtaining the tax-exempt financing, they needed to build a broader support base. To accomplish this, WILLIAMS & JENSEN developed the concept of GREEN BONDS. GREEN BONDS would be a national pilot program that allow tax-exempt financing for projects that were building "green". WILLIAMS & JENSEN, in conjunction with other lobbyists, identified projects around the United States that were trying to build "green". Projects were identified in Atlanta, Iowa, Colorado and Louisiana. WILLIAMS & JENSEN then formed and led the GREEN BONDS COALITION, which was a loosely formed organization that sought support for GREEN BONDS. DESTINY USA, as well as representatives from the other projects, supported the GREEN BONDS COALITION. [redacted] recalled the GREEN BONDS COALITION hosting a reception at the National Building Museum for Members of Congress, Congressional Staffers and architects to expose them to concept of GREEN BONDS. The purpose was to broaden the support base for GREEN BONDS.

[redacted] the GREEN BONDS proposal by WILLIAMS & JENSEN was created to take the focus off of DESTINY USA as being the sole beneficiary of the financing, and to make it more about building "green" projects. DESTINY USA would be eligible for the tax-exempt financing under the GREEN BONDS proposal.

To obtain Congressional support for the GREEN BONDS bill, WILLIAMS & JENSEN recommended that DESTINY USA re-engage Members of Congress and educate them about the bill and the DESTINY USA project. [redacted] met with Members of Congress, to include their New York Members, and Members of the states that were seeking the funds. These Members included WALSH, CONGRESSMAN BOB BEAUPREZ (Colorado), IOWA SENATORS BEN NIGHTHORSE CAMPBELL and CHARLES GRASSLEY, New York SENATORS HILLARY CLINTON and CHARLES SCHUMER, and CONGRESSMAN JIM MCCRERY (Louisiana), among others. [redacted] MCCRERY being a key Member, as he believes MCCRERY was a senior Member on the Energy or Tax Committee.

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In an effort to expose the GREEN BONDS legislation and the DESTINY USA project to Members, WILLIAMS & JENSEN hired [redacted] STRATEGIES, to organize events involving Members of Congress. [redacted] planned and organized the GREEN BONDS COALITION event at the National Building Museum. [redacted] was not a campaign fundraiser, but more of an event planner.

It was WILLIAMS & JENSEN that suggested to bring Members of Congress and Congressional Staffers to SAVANNAH DHU to raise the level of exposure for the DESTINY USA project. The purpose was to allow the politicians to see the vision [redacted] through SAVANNAH DHU, and when they were at SAVANNAH DHU, to market them and pitch them on the legislation while they were there. The idea was to demonstrate that like SAVANNAH DHU was an amazing place in a "god-forsaken" area, [redacted] build something spectacular, which would be DESTINY USA.

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politician arrived at DESTINY USA, there would be billboards of DESTINY USA everywhere. [redacted] explained that there were huge billboards that were hung in the underground parking garage at SAVANNAH DHU. [redacted] advised that the billboards were always displayed in the garage [redacted] at DESTINY USA. [redacted]

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There were two types of events that DESTINY USA utilized to bring politicians and their staffers to SAVANNAH DHU. The first was to host issue-driven Summit meetings at SAVANNAH DHU. Typically Congressional Staffers attended these events, and it included full-day sessions of meetings regarding an issue or topic. Experts from the around the world would be brought to SAVANNAH DHU to give presentations at these summits. [redacted]

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The second type of event utilized by DESTINY USA to attract Members of Congress to SAVANNAH DHU were campaign fundraisers. Hosting fundraisers at SAVANNAH DHU was suggested by WILLIAMS & JENSEN as a method of bringing out of state Congressman to Syracuse to see the project. [redacted]

[redacted] WILLIAMS & JENSEN in regards to the fundraisers.

[redacted] was asked if these fundraisers were substantive events, or ones where the Member of Congress came to the lodge to relax. [redacted] recalled the fundraising events to be substantive, and does not recall any non-New York Member of Congress going to SAVANNAH DHU other than to attend a fundraiser.

BLANK ROME GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

[redacted] and was thinking that DESTINY USA would be the "biggest green building in the world". Because of that fact, it had the potential as being a target for terrorists. [redacted] DESTINY USA could be a "living lab for homeland security", and that they should use the latest technologies to secure the building. This

discussion precipitated the planning of a Homeland Security Summit at SAVANNAH DHU. [redacted] WILLIAMS & JENSEN regarding advice on homeland security issues, and they recommended that they turn to [redacted] BLANK ROME GOVERNMENT RELATIONS (BRGR). [redacted] working relationship with [redacted] explained that DESTINY USA was not seeking homeland security legislation or federal funds, but was just seeking someone who could put them in contact with the right people to discuss homeland security issues. [redacted] areas they had expertise in, which included homeland security and transportation. [redacted] CONGRESSMAN DON YOUNG (YOUNG was the Chairman of the Transportation and Infrastructure (T&I) Committee at that time), [redacted] on transportation issues. [redacted] were intrigued by BRGR's expertise on transportation issues, as anytime a big project is built, there will be significant infrastructure challenges, to include roads, and anything transportation related. [redacted] was not involved on transportation matters while at DESTINY USA, as [redacted] involved in the GREEN BONDS legislation. Because they had previous success with the CARMEN GROUP in obtaining the ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS to clean-up Onondaga Lake, DESTINY USA thought that a lobbying firm could assist in getting infrastructure monies for DESTINY USA. BRGR was considered because WILLIAMS & JENSEN was not an expert on transportation issues.

After the BRGR capabilities presentation, DESTINY USA asked BRGR for a formal proposal. BRGR provided a proposal for lobbying services and BRGR was retained by DESTINY USA. [redacted] the Homeland Security Summit held at SAVANNAH DHU.

ETHICS RULES

[redacted] DESTINY USA did not have knowledge of the Congressional Ethics Rules, as hosting events at

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SAVANNAH DHU for Members of Congress was new to them. DESTINY USA relied on their lobbyists, WILLIAMS & JENSEN, for guidance on what they could do and couldn't do. [redacted] the rules relating to the use of the corporate plane for public officials, [redacted] regarding the events being hosted at SAVANNAH DHU, or in any of their dealings with Members of Congress. [redacted] everything was being handled in an appropriate manner. [redacted] invoicing of lodging at SAVANNAH DHU to Members of Congress, or if there were discussions regarding the pricing of the rooms. [redacted] could not recall, nor was he part of any discussions relating to lodging costs at SAVANNAH DHU. [redacted]

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[redacted] all guests that stay overnight at SAVANNAH DHU receive a "memento" when they depart, which is a meat package in a Styrofoam box. The package includes meat of game that is killed on the property, as well as tomato sauces and preserves that are made on property. [redacted] there were rules which prohibited gifts of a certain value to public officials, but [redacted] could not recall the dollar amount. [redacted] gifts to public officials [redacted] Capitol Hill [redacted] there were rules in place.

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CONGRESSMAN DONALD YOUNG

CONGRESSMAN DONALD YOUNG was a key Member of Congress for DESTINY USA as YOUNG was Chairman of the T&I Committee, and was considered a Member of Leadership. Members of Leadership had the ability to influence other Members, which was important to DESTINY USA, because they wanted to garner support with as many Members as possible. WALSH also advised DESTINY USA to meet with Members of Leadership, as those Members would be influential in the success of the bill.

[redacted] approximately 25-30 animal mounts in YOUNG's office. [redacted] There was no discussions of SAVANNAH DHU or of fundraising events [redacted]

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[redacted] to Washington, D.C. [redacted] how Congress worked, and also to meet with key Members and discuss the project with them. [redacted] in speaking with Members of Congress because he is a very effective speaker, as he has the ability to speak "off the cuff" and to convey and project his passion for the project onto others.

[redacted] scheduled a full day of meetings in Washington, D.C. between [redacted] and key Members of Congress, to include SENATORS CLINTON and SCHUMER, CONGRESSMAN WALSH, SHERWOOD

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[redacted] YOUNG that he needed to come up to SAVANNAH DHU to go hunting. [redacted] invite people to SAVANNAH DHU, [redacted] an event, a fundraiser or summit, would have to take place for YOUNG to visit SAVANNAH DHU. [redacted] YOUNG could not come up to SAVANNAH DHU without some type of official activity taking place.

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[redacted] to discuss SAVANNAH DHU with YOUNG, as outdoor activity was of interest to YOUNG, [redacted] a way for DESTINY USA to build a relationship and rapport with YOUNG.

[redacted] they were extending invitations to YOUNG because [redacted] needed to get YOUNG to SAVANNAH DHU. [redacted] YOUNG to come up to SAVANNAH DHU, [redacted] most of the fundraisers.

[redacted] DESTINY USA saw it as another way to raise visibility for their project. [redacted]

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as they looked to their lobbyists for advice as whether or not tickets could be provided to public officials.

[redacted] tickets to a concert series at the Nissan Pavilion in Virginia. [redacted] received concert tickets from a local CLEAR CHANNEL Manager in Syracuse who was very supportive of the DESTINY USA project. [redacted] who the tickets were distributed to, but they would have relied on their lobbyists regarding the appropriateness of the issuance of the tickets to Congressional Staffers.

2003 CAMPAIGN FUNDRAISER

[redacted] CONGRESSMAN THOMAS REYNOLDS, from Buffalo, New York, being involved in the campaign fundraisers at SAVANNAH DHU. REYNOLDS was the Chairman of the NATIONAL REPUBLICAN CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE (NRCC), and as such, he was charged with raising campaign funds to help Republicans get elected in the House of Representatives. REYNOLDS had a good working relationship with [redacted] WILLIAMS & JENSEN. [redacted] CONGRESSMAN THOMAS DELAY's office. REYNOLDS and [redacted] thought that SAVANNAH DHU would be a great venue in Syracuse to host a fundraiser. [redacted] coordinating the event, [redacted] REYNOLDS worked on which Members of Congress would attend the fundraiser at SAVANNAH DHU. [redacted] "at-risk" Members of Congress, i.e., those in a close election race that needed money, would be the Members of Congress that would be attending the events.

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[redacted] one fundraising event, and believes that CONGRESSMAN ROB SIMMONS was at that event. [redacted] during this Republican event, gave a talk on how great CLINTON was. REYNOLDS and the other Republicans were a little taken aback by his comments. However, they were able to [redacted] and the event went fine. [redacted] several Congressman attended an event, and that the money raised was split up between the Members.

[redacted] does not recall attending a fundraising event in 2003 where YOUNG was present. [redacted]

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[redacted] obligations, and did not give him a hard time. [redacted] asked if he recalled YOUNG killing an elk during his trip to SAVANNAH DHU in 2003. [redacted] did not recall YOUNG killing an elk at SAVANNAH DHU.

CONGRESSMAN YOUNG - GREEN BONDS

[redacted] they worked hard to get the GREEN BONDS legislation into the Energy Bill, and that THOMAS, who was Chairman of the Energy Committee, and MCCRERY, were key Members of Congress who were vital to the success of GREEN BONDS. [redacted] to get YOUNG to get involved and speak to those Members of Congress to garner their support. [redacted] involvement in GREEN BONDS was his interaction with YOUNG. It was an important interaction, as YOUNG was a very influential Member of Congress. [redacted] had with YOUNG regarding the GREEN BONDS.

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NEW YORK CITY MOLES EVENT

The MOLES is a Highway Fraternity Group that sponsored an event for YOUNG in January 2004. New York GOVERNOR GEORGE PATAKI was the host of the event and YOUNG was the guest of honor. [redacted] was also at the event. [redacted] PATAKI was running late, and that LU YOUNG was ticked off that they had to wait. PATAKI eventually showed up, and he and YOUNG made comments at the event. [redacted] on trying to arrange an event for YOUNG on a private train car on the ride to New York City. [redacted] did not know if the train event materialized. [redacted] asked about YOUNG returning to Washington, D.C. via DESTINY USA's private jet. [redacted] did not know about a private plane, as he flew commercially to and from New York City.

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[redacted] the PRNS terminology, and believes it was another way for DESTINY USA to get money in the Federal Highway Bill. [redacted] was not involved in DESTINY USA's efforts to seek that designation. [redacted] was not involved in those efforts, [redacted] understood that YOUNG had a leadership role in the T&I Committee Federal Highway Bill.

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[redacted] does not recall DESTINY USA hosting any campaign fundraisers in Florida. [redacted] Florida.

[redacted] was not the point of contact on that trip, and does not recall much of the details. [redacted] would have most likely handled the details. [redacted] attending the trip in Seward was suggested by [redacted] continually looking to build and develop [redacted] relationship with YOUNG in order to support the DESTINY USA project.

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[redacted] was a key staffer on the Federal Highway Bill. [redacted] was unaware what assistance [redacted] provided to DESTINY USA. [redacted] was asked if [redacted] came to SAVANNAH DHU. [redacted] did not recall [redacted] coming to SAVANNAH DHU.

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[redacted] if there was an open invitation for Congressional Staffers to visit SAVANNAH DHU. [redacted]

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that there was not an open invitation, but if they wanted to get a staffer to SAVANNAH DHU to expose them to the DESTINY USA project, they would coordinate an event, i.e., summit, so that there was an official purpose for the staffer to come to SAVANNAH DHU.

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understanding that YOUNG, as a senior Republican Member, had a duty to raise money for the Republican Party. [redacted] encouraged them to attend, [redacted] attended the event. It was another way for them to obtain visibility for the DESTINY USA project. [redacted] paid for the tickets. [redacted] did not recall [redacted] trying to raise money for any Members other than YOUNG.

[redacted] any Congressional Retreats being hosted at SAVANNAH DHU. [redacted] in a Congressional Retreat at SAVANNAH DHU in October 2003. The retreat was two to three full days of meetings and conferences. It was an aggressive agenda that was very substantive. [redacted]

[redacted] was asked if he recalled [redacted] traveling to SAVANNAH DHU with [redacted] but he did not recall the trip. [redacted] DESTINY USA [redacted] DESTINY USA shortly after the Congressional Recess in 2004.

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3-D MODELING TECHNOLOGY

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[redacted] consultants from ACCENTURE embedded in the team, and they would bring up technological ideas [redacted] One of the ideas was 3-D Modeling, which would allow construction projects to save time and money. [redacted] ACCENTURE was concerned [redacted] to protect the intellectual property rights regarding the technology, and they [redacted] to protect their intellectual property rights.

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Rep. Don Young Aide Implicated In Lobbying Scandal

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WASHINGTON, DC -- A second former staffer to an Alaska congressman has been implicated in the Jack Abramoff influence-peddling investigation as the scandal sweeps up a growing number of ex-Capitol Hill aides and lobbyists.

Fraser Verrusio, who worked under Republican Rep. Don Young when the congressman chaired the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, figures in plea deals reached recently by two former Abramoff associates and a one-time congressional aide. Identified in federal court papers only as "Staffer D," he's described accepting an all-expenses-paid trip to Game One of baseball's 2003 World Series from lobbyists who wanted his help. Two attorneys familiar with the case said Monday that Staffer D is Verrusio, who was policy director on the transportation committee for about five years. The attorneys spoke on condition of anonymity because of the ongoing investigation.

An attorney for Verrusio, Paul Rauser, didn't immediately return a call. A Justice Department spokeswoman declined comment. The lavish trip to the series game between the Florida Marlins and the New York Yankees at Yankee Stadium has already helped prosecutors win corruption-related guilty pleas from three people: Trevor Blackann, a former aide to two Missouri Republicans; James Hirni, a former Abramoff lobbying associate; and Todd Boulanger, another former Abramoff deputy. Boulanger and Hirni helped provide the World Series trip. Blackann and Verrusio were the recipients and were also treated to a chauffeured SUV, dinner at an expensive steakhouse and a visit to a strip club, court papers say.

The purpose was in part to influence Verrusio and Blackann to help an equipment rental company win favorable language in a highway bill, according to a plea deal Boulanger accepted Friday. Abramoff is in prison and has cooperated with the Justice Department to help convict more than a dozen people, including former Rep. Bob Ney, R-Ohio. Mark Zachares, also a former Young aide, pleaded guilty to conspiracy in April 2007. Zachares acknowledged accepting gifts and a golf trip to Scotland from Abramoff's team in exchange for official acts for them. Young's spokeswoman, Meredith Kenny, declined comment Monday. Young has denied wrongdoing but in December he stepped down under pressure as lead Republican on the Natural Resources Committee, saying he wanted to focus on clearing his name in an unrelated corruption investigation in Alaska.

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[redacted] Date of Birth (DOB) [redacted] Social Security Number (SSN) [redacted] home address [redacted] and telephone number [redacted] was interviewed telephonically. After being advised as to the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information:

In October 2005, [redacted] known as GRANDE RONDE LODGE & CATTLE LLC, which was [redacted] While the Lodge was used for recreation [redacted] it was commercially utilized for private fishing and hunting trips. [redacted] b6 b7C [redacted] the GRANDE RONDE STEELHEAD & OUTFITTERS, LLC, which was responsible for the recreational hunting and fishing business at the Lodge. Two separate companies were set up so as to separate the assets from the liability insurance. Both companies were for-profit businesses. [redacted]

[redacted] the Lodge, based upon availability, would be rented to overnight guests. The level of service provided was dependent upon the type of trip that was requested. Some guests, typically companies, booked trips that were full-service, which would include meals, shopping, guides, hunting and fishing activities. Full-service meant that every detail of the trip would be arranged by the staff. Other guests that stayed at the Lodge would just request lodging, and would take care of their own meals and recreational activities. The trips were billed and invoiced accordingly based upon the level of service provided. Because they were trying to generate profit, the invoices would include a mark-up for profit. [redacted] provided, to include food, lodging, and employee hours, to properly invoice the guest. [redacted]

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[redacted] the guests that stayed at the Lodge.

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CONGRESSMAN DONALD YOUNG

In October 2005, [redacted] that CONGRESSMAN DONALD YOUNG was considering hunting at the GRANDE RONDE RANCH. [redacted] Troy, Oregon is in a very remote area of the country. However, [redacted] YOUNG was coming to the Lodge. [redacted]

[redacted] they would be hunting and fishing. Because of the level of service required, and the number of guests, they hired two local workers, one to assist with the cooking, and the other to assist in the hunting activities. [redacted] the fishing activities. [redacted] invoice the trip at full price. [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] YOUNG wanted to compensate the Lodge for their services. [redacted] invoice for the YOUNG trip [redacted] The Seattle office would have been responsible for collecting payment. [redacted] if a payment was made for the trip. [redacted] did not know the [redacted] the invoice would have included the cost of lodging, food, employees, hunting and fishing activities and guides. [redacted] the GRANDE RONDE LODGE and does not have access to the records.

[redacted] staff in Seattle that the YOUNG's were coming to the Lodge, and [redacted] was warned that YOUNG's wife, LU YOUNG, required special treatment. [redacted] buy certain things for LU YOUNG, to include Ginger Ale and Chardonnay wine. [redacted] these items in advance of their arrival.

YOUNG and his guests arrived at night into the airport in Lewiston, Idaho. [redacted] The drive from the airport to the Lodge is approximately one hour. [redacted] guests when they arrived at the Lodge, [redacted] cheese and crackers for them. Because they arrived late in the evening, they all went to bed shortly after arriving at the Lodge. The guests that arrived included DON YOUNG, LU YOUNG, [redacted] were also at the Lodge during YOUNG's visit to the Lodge. [redacted] that [redacted] and that [redacted] worked for YOUNG. [redacted] did not recall much [redacted] with regarding the arrangements of the trip.

The YOUNG's lodged in the small bunkhouse, which was a private cabin with its own bathroom. The small bunkhouse was adjacent to the Lodge. All the other guests lodged in the upper bunk house.

The next morning [redacted] prepared breakfast for all the guests. Breakfast, like all other meals, was served in the Lodge. The breakfast prepared was standard, to include eggs and bacon, but it was not up to LU YOUNG's standards. [redacted] LU YOUNG that she only ate "wild game". [redacted] described LU YOUNG as being "high-maintenance", as she requested special meals, and that her food preferences changed day to day. [redacted] taking care of LU YOUNG, and typically, [redacted] LU YOUNG's preferences [redacted] LU YOUNG the entire weekend. [redacted] LU YOUNG into Lewiston, Idaho to meet with Native Americans.

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[redacted] the other guests, to include DON YOUNG, [redacted] fished and hunted. [redacted] all the fishing excursions at the Lodge. [redacted] the hunting activities. [redacted] the group went elk hunting and bird hunting, but because [redacted] was not involved in those activities, she did not know any details of the hunts. [redacted]

[redacted] recalled that an elk was shot during the trip, but she did not know which guest shot the elk. [redacted] speculated that it may have been [redacted]

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getting the elk meat processed and shipped to him in Washington, D.C. The elk would not have been mounted, as the elk shot was a cow elk, and did not have antlers. The meat was processed [redacted] a credit card to pay for the meat processing, and she believes that [redacted] for the processing and shipping of the meat. [redacted] may have records regarding the services provided.

It appeared that YOUNG was making a conscious effort to pay for things on the trip, as he would make comments to staff that they make sure certain services were included in the price and he be appropriately billed. [redacted] observed YOUNG tipping employees for their services. On the contrary, [redacted] did not tip any of the employees, and was described as "cheap" by the staff. [redacted] did not know if YOUNG paid for any of the services that were provided at the Lodge, nor did she have any discussions regarding payment.

[redacted] advised that she did not know the relationship between [redacted] and YOUNG, nor was she ever told. [redacted] was asked if there was a campaign fundraiser at the Lodge during their visit. [redacted] advised that there was no campaign fundraiser, and did not hear that the trip was part of a campaign fundraiser. [redacted] explained that it would have been improbable to host a fundraiser in Troy, Oregon, as it is in the middle of nowhere, and only a few hundred people live in the town of Troy. [redacted] advised that it was a low-pressure hunting and fishing trip, and it appeared that they all had a good time. [redacted] one dinner, when King Crab was served, [redacted] that the King Crab was not that good because legislation prohibited certain King Crab to be sold in the state of Washington. Other [redacted] b6 b7C business or legislative issues during the trip.

[redacted] recalled that LU YOUNG went fishing on the trip. [redacted]

[redacted] did not recall anything noteworthy happening on the trip, and described it as their standard full-service hunting and fishing trip. The level of service provided was top of the line for them, as the trip was all-inclusive. While these trips were not unique, they were not done all the time at the Lodge.

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All-inclusive trips were usually provided to companies that were paying full-price. [redacted] doing everything above board with the YOUNG's, [redacted] that things were being done correctly. [redacted] providing an itemized invoice, which detailed the costs to [redacted] One invoice was prepared for the entire trip.

[redacted] could not recall how long they stayed at the Lodge, or what day of the week they departed. [redacted] advised that the only cost that was not included in the invoice was the cost of the elk tags. [redacted] did not know who was issued an elk tag. [redacted] did not know who paid for the tags. The tags would have been paid for prior to the trip.

[redacted] a hunting trip in New Mexico, which would have been just prior to the trip to the Lodge. [redacted] the trip, but [redacted] the shipment of his elk meat, [redacted] with an elk she shot. [redacted] could have discussed the details of the hunt, but [redacted] regarding hunting.

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[redacted] could not recall much of [redacted] and the [redacted] the trip for YOUNG. [redacted]

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[redacted] digital photos of the guests during the trip, [redacted] the interviewing agent copies of the photos [redacted]

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 11/24/2008

[redacted] Date of Birth [redacted] Social Security Number [redacted] residing at [redacted] Alaska, telephone number [redacted] cellular telephone number [redacted] was interviewed at her residence on 11/22/2008 by Special Agents (SA) [redacted] and [redacted] of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). After being advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and the nature of the interview, [redacted] voluntarily provided the following information: b6 b7C

[redacted] has been employed as [redacted] Alaska for the past [redacted] Prior to working as the [redacted] she held a position [redacted] has been involved with [redacted] advised that Congressman DON YOUNG has been the "host" of the ASLC Invitational since 2000 or 2001.

[redacted] is a previous [redacted] She was the [redacted] took over the position. [redacted] currently works with the [redacted] the auction item for the LU YOUNG Charity Cancer Foundation. It consisted of one item that was auctioned off at the beginning of the main fundraiser associated with the banquet dinner at the ASLC Invitational. The typical auction donation for the LU YOUNG charity was a seven day Princess Cruise donated through Holland Cruise Line. [redacted] b6 b7C

Other auction items for the ASLC Invitational were acquired by writing letters requesting donations from various businesses. [redacted] donations for the ASLC auction, as well as [redacted] the event on the part of the ASLC and for encouraging Alaska based participation. [redacted] for the event [redacted] the date for the ASLC event, [redacted] individuals located in DC, as well as other locations outside of b6 b7C

Investigation on 11/22/2008 at Seward, Alaska

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Alaska. [redacted] the railroad trip from Seward to Anchorage, as well as all the related MIDNIGHT SUN PAC activities including the hospitality room which was provided in Anchorage prior to the trip to Seward.

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YOUNG's schedule to assist in the coordination of the ASLC event. Over the last couple of years, participation in the ASLC Invitational has decreased to 60 to 80 attendees due to YOUNG no longer serving on the House Transportation Committee.

In regard to the ASLC auction, typically there were 10 to 12 auction items. The auction was conducted during the dessert portion of the banquet dinner. Typical auction items included the following:

1. Golf package [redacted] of Cook Inlet Region Incorporated (CIRI).
2. Two fly-in fishing trips provided by [redacted] These trips may have occurred over three separate years. One lodge was in Kodiak, Alaska and the other lodge was in Lake Iliamna, Alaska.
3. Alaska Airline tickets.
4. Hunting trips to SAVANNAH DHU [redacted] These trips were offered in 2005 and 2006. They included lodging, amenities, and hunting. Two different parties won the trip and each paid approximately $35,000 dollars for their respective group to attend which resulted in a $70,000 dollar gain for the ASLC. [redacted]
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5. Native art items which were bought wholesale at the Alaska Native Hospital gift shop [redacted]

[redacted] the YOUNGs to attend SAVANNAH DHU as part of the auction item. [redacted] thought this occurred one time and was [redacted] and YOUNGs prior to the auction. When the item was presented for auction bids, it was announced that YOUNG would be present during the weekend at SAVANNAH DHU. [redacted] that one year the offer for YOUNG to attend the SAVANNAH DHU weekend was made midway through the auction.

[redacted] exactly how the offer was made or whose idea it was. b6 b7C

LU YOUNG's auction cruise item usually raised about $10,000 dollars for her cancer charity. LU YOUNG would tell a story about a cancer victim to elicit sympathy and increase the monetary amount of the bids. Often individuals at the ASLC event would write donation checks directly to LU YOUNG's charity. [redacted] an unknown couple bidding on a cruise one year, and later donating it to a family battling cancer who was affiliated with LU YOUNG's charity.

Several different auctioneers were utilized over the multiple years that the ASLC auction was held. In the earlier years of the event, RICK MYSTROM, a former mayor of Anchorage, acted as the auctioneer. [redacted] was the auctioneer one year. [redacted] was unable to remember the names of the other auctioneers, but advised that a Congressman from Minnesota may have served as the auctioneer one year.

There are several regular participants to the ASLC Invitational including, but not limited to the following individuals: [redacted] (phonetic) [redacted] and a group from Texas from the Association of General Contractors. Arctic Slope Regional Corporation (ASRC) is a regular sponsor of the event.

In 2003, ASLC began using a flat fee system for the ASLC Invitational. The participant fee was $2000 dollars per person and $1000 dollars per guest. The fee included fishing, the banquet dinner, and transportation to and from Anchorage. No air fare or lodging was covered by this fee. b6 b7C

[redacted] paid the participant fee to attend the ASLC Invitational. DON and LU YOUNG were honorary guests and did not pay any fees associated with the event.

YOUNG's staff was not required to pay a participant fee because they were helping out at the event. YOUNG's staff may have been extras at the banquet dinner, but they were not required to pay for the dinner if they chose to attend.

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Typically, YOUNG's staff members did not go charter fishing. Within the last year or so [redacted] letter for the House Ethics Committee to cover staff members in case they had free time, and were able to participate in fishing for a day. [redacted] The event sponsor would get their choice of charter fishing boats.

[redacted] one table at the banquet dinner for the YOUNGS and special guests. All the other tables at the banquet dinner were open seating.

[redacted] was aware that LU YOUNG had some health problems. [redacted] of LU YOUNG at the event, but was also responsible for other tasks as well. [redacted] was unable to remember which staff member assisted LU YOUNG at the 2008 ASLC Invitational.

[redacted] knows several of YOUNG's [redacted] attended the ASLC Invitational banquet dinner in 2008.

The net revenue for the ASLC Invitational in 2005 and 2006 was approximately $130,000 to $140,000 dollars each year. This substantial revenue amount was due to the high dollar auction bids for the Savannah Dhu hunting trips. The ASLC Invitational raised approximately $60,000 dollars in 2008, primarily from participants' fees. The Princess cruise was auctioned off again in 2008 for LU YOUNG's cancer charity foundation. Auction items are generally paid for by credit card or the individual bidder is invoiced by the ASLC.

[redacted] recalled one particular auction item which was a hunting trip to SAVANNAH DHU in upstate New York. [redacted] remembered that the final bid was $35,000. [redacted] could not recall whether or not YOUNG would be joining the trip. [redacted] could not recall the auctioneers but thought most of them were local residents. [redacted] would be able to recall their names because he [redacted]

[redacted] was asked about whether or not she had any knowledge about this year's DON YOUNG TURKEY SHOOT FUND RAISER. [redacted] because the [redacted] seems to be a "magnet for trouble." [redacted]

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[redacted] weekly meetings at the Breeze Inn in Seward. [redacted] each meeting and mainly members of the business community attend. [redacted] the meetings and initially they were more like "political rants" and then became more organized. [redacted]

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 10/30/2008

[redacted] date of birth [redacted] residing at [redacted] cellular telephone number [redacted] was contacted telephonically by Special Agent (SA) [redacted] of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on 10/28/2008. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information: b6 b7C

[redacted] Congresswoman HEATHER WILSON, representative from New Mexico, in 1998 when WILSON was elected to the United States (US) House of Representatives in a Special Election. [redacted] over to WILSON's campaign staff. Initially, [redacted] committees such as Veterans for HEATHER WILSON and encouraging citizens to vote for WILSON. [redacted] later became the [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] returned to graduate school and obtained a Masters Degree in Education. [redacted] has been employed as an [redacted] for the past three years.

[redacted] advised that she has no recollection of organizing a joint fund raiser between Congressman DON YOUNG and WILSON. [redacted] doesn't remember who may have initiated the idea of a joint fund raiser, if any plans were made to hold a fund raiser in New Mexico, and whether or not a fund raiser ever occurred. [redacted] advised that to the best of her knowledge a joint fund raiser between WILSON and YOUNG did not occur. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that if she had been involved in planning such a fund raiser she would have dealt directly with YOUNG's campaign staff. When asked by the interviewing agent if [redacted] recognized the names of [redacted] members of YOUNG's staff she may have communicated with, [redacted] stated that she did not.

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by SA [redacted] b6 b7C

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[redacted] stated that it was not common for congressional members to have joint fund raisers because it was difficult to comply with Federal Election Commission (FEC) rules regarding contributions to individual candidates when a joint event was held. WILSON was very particular about following FEC rules and regulations. WILSON never sought out opportunities to have joint fund raisers with other congressional members when visiting their states. Typically when other congressional members visited New Mexico, if a fund raiser was held, it would be for WILSON's sole benefit. b6 b7C

[redacted] doesn't know if YOUNG and WILSON are personal friends or have any other particular affiliation besides being Republican congressional members. [redacted] doesn't recall hearing that YOUNG traveled to New Mexico and visited the CHAMA LODGE from October 11-16, 2005. [redacted] described the CHAMA LODGE as a hunting and fishing getaway located in a small town in northern New Mexico. [redacted] has never been to the CHAMA LODGE and stated that it was supposedly nice, but not a four star resort.

[redacted] advised that when planning a fund raiser it is ideal to have six weeks lead time. The minimal time to put together a fund raiser is about two weeks. Generally the campaign would have about five days advance notice based on invitation responses as to whether there would be sufficient attendance to justify holding a fund raiser. [redacted] advised that a fund raiser would not typically be planned for a remote location because it would be difficult to get enough people to attend. [redacted] fund raisers in larger cities such as Santa Fe or Albuquerque. b6 b7C

In an election year, WILSON's campaign would hold anywhere from 60 to 75 fund raisers. [redacted] would have the assistance of other staff members in planning these fund raisers because there were so many. In nonelection years, there would be approximately twelve fund raisers held and [redacted] The target goal for each fund raiser varied based on the event and who was invited. WILSON's fund raisers ranged anywhere from $3,000 dollars as a target up to $70,000 dollars, if high level guests were expected to be in attendance such as the Vice-President of the United States or Cabinet members.

When [redacted] was again asked by the interviewing agent whether [redacted] attempting to organize a joint fund raiser for YOUNG and WILSON in October 2005, [redacted] so many fund raisers that she could not be expected to remember events that may or may not have occurred three years ago. [redacted] stated [redacted] both paper and electronic files regarding fund raiser events are maintained by WILSON's campaign. [redacted] is not certain how long these records are kept by the campaign.

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WILSON resigned her seat in the US House of Representatives to run for a seat in the US Senate in 2008. WILSON lost in the primary election. [redacted] advised that she heard WILSON is currently paying off her campaign debts and trying to make sure her staff is taken care of.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 08/19/2008

[redacted] Date of Birth (DOB) [redacted] Social Security Number (SSN) [redacted] residing at [redacted] cellular telephone number [redacted] was interviewed at SAVANNAH DHU (SD), 2500 Noble Road, Clyde, New York 14433. Present for the interview were [redacted] Attorney, [redacted], Attorney, and [redacted] of the Law Firm SCHERTLER & ONORATO, LLP, 601 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., North Building, 9th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20004, who were representing [redacted] Also present for the interview were FEDERAL BUREAU of INVESTIGATION (FBI) Special Agents (SA) [redacted] and [redacted] as well as Intelligence Analyst (IA) [redacted] After being advised as to the identity of the interviewing agents and all other individuals present as detailed above, as well as the nature of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information:

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[redacted] outside of the building complex including managing the wildlife, overseeing the breeding research center, and the health of all the animals on the preserve.

[redacted] and he is paid by SD. SD has progressed over time from a family place to more of a business oriented place, especially with the addition of the Conference Barn.

[redacted] a telephone call, fax, or email regarding hunting requests or other outdoor activity requests for guests attending SD from [redacted] abides by New York rules and regulations during hunting season.

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[redacted] guests' names and addresses on a form prior to hunting in case the guests want meat sent to them. The meat is shipped via United Parcel Service (UPS), and

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[redacted] is not sure how it is billed or if SD absorbs the shipping costs. It is rare that guests ask for meat to be shipped to them.

Guests are responsible for the taxidermy charges associated with hunting. The guests must provide a credit card number prior to the taxidermy being performed. This process has been in place as long as [redacted] has worked at SD. SD previously used Klingermans Taxidermy on North Rose for deer and elk. About four years ago, SD switched to Palmer Taxidermy because the quality of the work was better. [redacted] records for the deer and elk shot on the preserve for approximately the last two years. These records are used for tracking purposes and may not include the hunters' names.

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[redacted] has never hunted with Congressman DON YOUNG on a one on one basis. [redacted] doesn't know how many times YOUNG has been to SD. He is not aware of any special requests made by YOUNG during his visits to SD. [redacted] recalled YOUNG shooting an elk a few years ago. He also recalled YOUNG going on a pheasant hunt at SD approximately two years ago.

[redacted] and his wife, [redacted] once when YOUNG was also visiting SD. [redacted] doesn't recall what specific hunts [redacted] went on at SD. [redacted] doesn't recall [redacted] along with his wife and children, coming to SD on their own without YOUNG.

[redacted] is unaware of the nature of YOUNG's trips to SD. [redacted] recognized the names of [redacted] from hunting. [redacted] recalled [redacted] hunting whitetail deer, but doesn't remember YOUNG being present on the hunt. [redacted] may have gone on the pheasant hunt in 2007. SD did incur an extra expense related to bringing the pheasants in for the hunt. [redacted] felt that $700.00 was a reasonable price to pass on to the guests to hunt pheasants.

[redacted] has met [redacted] doesn't know [redacted] has met LU YOUNG and described her as Native American and friendly. He had limited interaction with her. [redacted] doesn't know anything about charitable donations or any trips related to the Alaska Sealife Center in Seward, Alaska. Congressman JIM WALSH has been to SD for "friendly hunts" where he usually just stayed for the day. [redacted]

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treats everyone the same and usually doesn't know individuals' particular political or business affiliations.

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[redacted] has tried to put a value on hunting at SD by going on the internet and looking specifically at animal costs. When coming up with a reasonable rate for hunting at SD, [redacted] did not factor in the fact that SD is similar to a resort with exceptional facilities.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 08/18/2008

[redacted] Date of Birth (DOB) [redacted] Social Security Number (SSN) [redacted], residing at [redacted] was interviewed at SAVANNAH DHU (SD), 2500 Noble Road, Clyde, New York 14433. Present for the interview were [redacted] Attorney, [redacted] Attorney, and [redacted] of the Law Firm SCHERTLER & ONORATO, LLP, 601 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., North Building, 9th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20004, who were representing [redacted] Also present for the interview were FEDERAL BUREAU of INVESTIGATION (FBI) Special Agents (SA) [redacted] and [redacted] as well as Intelligence Analyst (IA) [redacted] After being advised as to the identity of the interviewing agents and all other individuals present as detailed above, as well as the nature of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information:

[redacted] earned an undergraduate degree from [redacted] where she received a Bachelor of Arts in [redacted] She earned a Master's Degree in [redacted] She was employed by a number of different companies in various [redacted] roles prior to her employment with SD. She saw an advertisement on Monster.com for an [redacted] She sends all this information to the main office in Syracuse, New York. In addition, [redacted]

SD is a not for profit business. Some of the events held at SD are billed. Generally, the Syracuse office, [redacted] determined who and what events were billed. All the booking for SD is handled by the Syracuse office, [redacted]

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[redacted] All of the events are preplanned, so generally [redacted] ahead of time which events were billable. All DESTINY USA events were billable. Some guests are billed and others are not. [redacted] Congressman DON YOUNG was billed, but was unable to recall when this took place.

Events held at SD are billed at the same rate regardless of the purpose of the event. [redacted] detailing the rates at which things are billed. Lodging, meals, and activities such as hunting and fishing are billed at separate rates. These rate sheets have existed since at least 2005 because they were in place when [redacted] all the information regarding lodging, meals, and activities for individual guests to the Syracuse office, and then the bills are generated and sent out from the Syracuse office. [redacted] She is uncertain who will be handling billing matters since [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that the rules were not any different for political fund raisers. [redacted] was not involved with any of the scheduling at SD or guest relations. [redacted] was not usually told anything specific about individuals coming to SD. [redacted] has never met YOUNG or any of his staff. [redacted] never discussed any rules with [redacted] regarding what services could be provided to a politician, or specifically to YOUNG.

[redacted] advised that it was common to pick up guests at the airport using one of the Suburban vehicles belonging to SD. Typically limousine services were not used to transport guests from the airport to SD.

[redacted] does not recall any specific information regarding YOUNG's trip to SD in 2007. [redacted] recalls that [redacted] invoices for YOUNG's 2007 trip on a weekend, but doesn't know how that all came about. It was not typical practice for [redacted] Usually all invoices were generated by the Syracuse office and then mailed out to clients. On this particular occasion, [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that she is not aware of other politicians or public officials who have visited SD.

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[redacted] received her Associate's Degree fro[redacted] She was employed by [redacted] She began employment with [redacted]

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issues like [redacted] lives in Denver, Colorado. [redacted] has diminished since he is no longer living in New York. [redacted]

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scheduling for the company, provides quotes for flights, and handles Transportation Security Aviation (TSA) checks. PJM owns

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SA [redacted]

by SA [redacted]

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three Citation Ten airplanes that seat eight passengers each. PJM is a for profit, independent company. Generally corporations and businesses contact PJM for charter flights, not individuals. Regular customers with PJM fly consistent routes. Most flights with PJM are in the continental United States. Two jets are located in Plattsburg, NY. One jet is located in Denver, Colorado for CONGEL's use. [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] flight operations.

[redacted] which currently operates three planes. PJM had four planes, but recently sold one of them. Since the Concord was grounded, PJM offers the fastest corporate jet in the world. The PJM jets are known for their speed and are good to use for cross country flights. They contain first class quality seats and a bathroom on board.

[redacted] After a client requests a flight, [redacted] a cost quote to the client as well as PJM's billing department. [redacted] uses a software program known as Flight Pack to figure out the specific costs associated with the price quote. The price quote includes such items as mileage, number of passengers, dates and times of flight, fuel surcharge, and government taxes. Use of the jet costs $4200 dollars per hour. Catering costs are separate. The quote is sent to [redacted] sends out invoices to the clients.

If two pilots have a layover period to accommodate a client's flight plan, there is a $300 dollar layover charge. An overnight layover charge costs $650 dollars. There is a $1500 dollar charge for international layovers. [redacted] doesn't know who would cover layover costs on political flights. Other factors to be added into the price quote include airport landing and parking fees. [redacted] transportation for clients as well, and these charges would be billed directly to the customer. b6 b7C

[redacted] is not charged a repositioning fee which is generally used to cover the cost of the flight from Plattsburg, NY where the jets are housed to Syracuse, NY. [redacted] determines when discounts are applied to flights and this is a rare occurrence. DESTINY USA employees are charged for the costs of their flights. Purchase orders are

assigned for the flights, and then money is moved between companies to cover the costs of the flights depending on which project necessitated the flight.

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Politicians would have to pay comparable first class ticket costs for each individual passenger on board. MITT ROMNEY was the most recent political figure to use one of PJM's charter jets.

The Accounting Department within PJM handles all the client invoices. [redacted] (phonetic), [redacted] regarding which politicians fly and the reimbursement required for those flights. [redacted] the various rules associated with politicians and the requirements for reimbursement comparable to first class airfare tickets. No quote would be sent out for "political trips". [redacted] is not sure what happened regarding cost differentials which occurred between the actual costs of the flight versus the comparable first class air fare rate which was customarily charged to a politician. [redacted] would make the decisions in these situations, especially if PJM was losing money on the flight. [redacted] doesn't know if catering costs were passed on to politicians. Generally a standard box lunch on a charter flight is $20 dollars per person.

The Accounting Department would be in charge of determining the cost breakdown for joint trips between executive team members and politicians. Members of the Accounting Department at PJM [redacted]

[redacted] is familiar with the name Congressman DON YOUNG, [redacted] any flights for him. She doesn't recall any special requests involving the travel of YOUNG. [redacted] has no recollection of a PJM jet being used for charitable purposes.

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[redacted] personal friends and actually refers to PJM.

[redacted] has no recollection of YOUNG's 2003 or 2004 trips to SAVANNAH DHU (SD). [redacted] has no knowledge of a helicopter flight taken by YOUNG from the Syracuse Airport to SD in 2004.

[redacted] advised that initially PJM had a FEDERAL AVIATION REGULATION (FAR) Certificate 91 which allowed the planes to only be utilized for personal and intra-company matters. In approximately 2004, PJM obtained a FAR Certificate 135 which allowed PJM to operate as a for profit company and charter flights to third parties. PJM currently operates under both FAR Certificates depending on the specific purpose of each individual flight.

[redacted] For example, some individuals were coded as DESTINY USA employees while others received political designations. b6 b7C

[redacted] could use any of the jets at his discretion under the Part 91 Certificate which covered personal flights at no charge.

[redacted] to schedule the jet for [redacted] Assuming that [redacted] hunting trip to the GRAND RONDE LODGE along with YOUNG, the flight would have been billed to DESTINY USA.

[redacted] advised that the percentage of PJM charter flights used by politicians was relatively low.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 08/20/2008

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[redacted] is currently employed as [redacted] green issues within DESTINY USA. [redacted]

related to the DESTINY USA project including presentations involving the executive team which were aimed at large technology companies like IBM and CISCO.

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[redacted] with guests and companies to invite to SAVANNAH DHU (SD) for planned events by the executive team.

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[redacted] (phonetic), and [redacted] worked closely with other executive assistants, [redacted] regarding the scheduling for SD. A mass email system was used to facilitate scheduling at SD. [redacted] regarding invitations to SD in conjunction with [redacted] the scheduling for SD utilizing a main spreadsheet. Everyone who visited SD received five star treatment regardless of who they were or what entity they were affiliated with. The goal was to make the SD experience special for everyone. [redacted] some of the logistics associated with events at SD, primarily for events that [redacted] was involved with. The Conference Barn at SD would hold approximately three hundred people. There are also several smaller conference rooms as well. The Conference Barn was often utilized for larger gatherings of consultants anywhere from fifty to three hundred people. It was viewed as a conference center.

[redacted] often used CAZ LIMO for transportation services for guests traveling from the airport to SD. The bill from CAZ LIMO usually went directly to DESTINY USA, so [redacted] was not certain who actually paid the bill. On other occasions, [redacted] would arrange use of SD resort or company sport utility vehicles to handle transportation needs of SD guests. [redacted] handled taxidermy charges related to guests hunting at SD. [redacted] believes these charges were billed directly to the guests. She recalled one instance where a guest failed to pay the taxidermy charges, but was unable to recall who this specific guest was. [redacted] does not know how this situation was resolved. [redacted] at SD, obtains the requisite hunting licenses required by New York state law for SD guests. [redacted] is uncertain who actually pays for the hunting licenses. Additional activities offered to SD guests, primarily spouses, include wine tasting, cooking classes, and masseuse services. The latter activity is billed directly to the individual guest. There was a schedule or matrix of charges for services at SD which [redacted] would request from [redacted] This schedule of charges was produced by [redacted] and was updated annually. In [redacted] the Lodge at SD is nicer than the Conference Barn. [redacted] has stayed at the Lodge once.

[redacted] viewed SD as a work-related conference center. When DESTINY USA events were held at SD, it was a business expense. For business meetings, [redacted] would write off the

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event at SD for tax purposes. [redacted] recalled an event held at SD for Congressman POMBO in approximately 2006. [redacted] each attendee was charged for lodging and meals. [redacted] didn't recall the specific nature of the event and advised that it lasted a couple of days. It was likely an event [redacted] doesn't recall politicians staying at SD [redacted] b6 b7C [redacted]. Public officials visiting SD would have to be charged for airfare, lodging, and meals. [redacted] There was never a formal meeting among staff regarding reimbursement issues and nothing was ever provided in written form regarding reimbursement issues. [redacted] regarding reimbursement issues, [redacted] is an attorney for WILLIAMS & JENSEN, for more formal guidelines. [redacted] based on research of rules and regulations regarding reimbursement issues. [redacted] doesn't recall it being very useful. [redacted] with the Federal Election Commission (FEC) or any FEC attorneys regarding specific reimbursement questions.

[redacted] has never met YOUNG. [redacted] recalls meeting [redacted] in Washington, D.C. [redacted] trips to Washington, D.C. [redacted] met with various politicians, but no one in particular on a consistent basis. b6 b7C The purpose of these meetings was to increase awareness of DESTINY USA projects. [redacted] involved seeking federal funds to subsidize various projects. [redacted] and had discussions with Congressman WALSH on the matter. [redacted] believes that WALSH attended a Wildlife Convention/Foundation event held at SD in the last year and a half. [redacted] is not sure of the relationship between WALSH and [redacted] does not believe YOUNG has any connection with the Green Bond issue.

TRIPS BY CONGRESSMAN DON YOUNG TO SAVANNAH DHU

[redacted] has no knowledge of Congressman DON YOUNG's trip to SD in 2003.

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] and [redacted] told her about the event which was to be held at SD in 2004 for Congressman YOUNG. [redacted] never knew the specific purpose of the event [redacted] of the correspondence related to event details. [redacted] planning the event. [redacted] recalled that [redacted] was from YOUNG's office. [redacted] never explained to [redacted] who YOUNG, [redacted] was. [redacted] may have been told that YOUNG was Chairman of the Transportation Committee, but she doesn't recall how this factored into the DESTINY USA project.

[redacted] is uncertain where the concept of the Transportation Summit came from and did not title the event. [redacted] an itinerary for the 2004 event and advised that [redacted] may have put together the schedule for the event. [redacted] and [redacted] take care of the special needs of LU YOUNG. [redacted] has never met LU YOUNG. [redacted] has no recollection of any fund raising events related to this specific SD event. From the business end to facilitate a conference, [redacted] put together a Transportation binder for the event, [redacted] (phonetic), [redacted] for DESTINY USA, would have provided marketing materials involving the DESTINY USA project and relevant transportation issues. Speakers for the event would have consisted of members of the executive team. [redacted] would not have written a specific letter regarding a Transportation Summit at SD, but would have sent out general letters of invitation to SD for the specified time period. [redacted] didn't recall whether Governor PATAKI attended the 2004 event at SD.

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Occasionally helicopters were used to provide an aerial view with a site tour of the DESTINY USA project. Usually a [redacted] would decide when to schedule a helicopter ride for this purpose. [redacted] didn't know who paid for the helicopter expense. [redacted] doesn't recall a public official ever being transported to SD by

helicopter. [redacted] advised PYRAMID does not have an account with Raven Helicopter Company.

[redacted] would do this whenever politicians utilized PJM's charter flight services. [redacted] these airfare price quotes and provide them to PJM. PJM would likely generate invoices based on these first class airfare quotes, although [redacted] was not involved with any of the billing process. [redacted] has no recollection of [redacted] ever requesting invoices.

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[redacted] has no knowledge of [redacted] and his family staying at SD in 2004. [redacted] advised that sometimes people are bold and will request to stay at SD, especially if they have been there previously for some other event.

[redacted] recognized the name of [redacted] group and advised that [redacted] who works with BR. [redacted] believes that [redacted] and [redacted] also work with BR. DESTINY USA may have a contract with BR. [redacted] is not aware of any agreement involving success fees.

[redacted] identified [redacted] (WJ) as a [redacted] that DESTINY works with. [redacted] is familiar with the name [redacted] and believes that she met her at SD and possibly in Washington, D.C. [redacted] advised that [redacted] either for WJ or BR.

[redacted] recalled helping plan a TOM DELAY Foundation event. [redacted] also recalled using PAT LYNCH ASSOCIATES which is a lobbying firm in Albany, New York.

[redacted] described the relationship between [redacted] and [redacted] as a hot and cold contact, meaning it wasn't consistent. They would talk every couple of months to discuss issues and usually see each other in Washington, D.C. a couple of times per year.

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[redacted] had no specific recollection of the 2005 trip to SD which was an all inclusive trip [redacted] as an auction item at a fund raiser event for the Alaska Sealife Center (ASLC). [redacted] did recall that the trip was an auction item and a certificate was provided detailing the trip.

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advised this event was [redacted] and she is not aware of why YOUNG was present at the event. [redacted] doesn't recall a fund raiser being held at SD in conjunction with this trip.

[redacted] had no recollection of the 2006 trip to SD by YOUNG which was also a trip [redacted] to the ASLC auction. [redacted] the arrangements for this trip. [redacted] has no knowledge of [redacted] asking if his wife could accompany him on the trip. [redacted] commented that it was not unusual for spouses to come along on these trips.

[redacted] understands that reimbursement is required for public officials and staff members anytime they come to SD. [redacted] may have had discussions and correspondence with [redacted] regarding some billing issues.

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[redacted] has no specific recollection of YOUNG's trip to SD in 2007 or the fund raiser that was held at SD for YOUNG. [redacted] planning this trip.

[redacted] described SD as a place to promote business and foster networking. The intent of SD is not to make money. Displays, marketing tools, and DESTINY project models are housed at SD.

[redacted] advised that other public officials who have visited SD besides YOUNG include POMBO, WALSH, and DELAY. [redacted] has no personal knowledge of public officials staying for free at SD. [redacted] is not aware of any other public officials who visit SD as frequently as YOUNG. [redacted] believes that the common ground between [redacted] and YOUNG is hunting. [redacted] is not aware of the success of any specific transportation bill that would benefit [redacted] or DESTINY USA.

3-D MODELING SOFTWARE

[redacted] is aware of a 3-D modeling software program that was put together by the executive team. [redacted] is involved with this project. [redacted] doesn't know who created the technology or who owns it. The executive team has been to Washington, D.C. to present the concept of 3-D modeling which involves paperless construction.

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This particular technology is innovative and can change the future of construction by allowing for fewer errors in the actual construction of buildings.

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[redacted], Date of Birth (DOB) [redacted], Social Security Number (SSN) [redacted] home address [redacted] home telephone number [redacted] cellular telephone number [redacted] was interviewed at the Law Offices of COSTELLO, COONEY & FEARON, PPLC, 205 South Salina Street, Syracuse, New York 13202. Present for the interview were [redacted] Attorney [redacted] Attorney [redacted] and [redacted] of [redacted] 601 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., North Building, 9th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20004, who were representing [redacted] in his [redacted] Also present for the interview were DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE - PUBLIC INTEGRITY SECTION (DOJ-PIS) Trial Attorneys [redacted] and [redacted] as well as FEDERAL BUREAU of INVESTIGATION (FBI) Intelligence Analyst (IA) [redacted] and Special Agents (SA) [redacted] and [redacted] After being advised as to the identity of the interviewing agents, and other individuals detailed above, as well as the nature of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information:

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[redacted] was raised in [redacted] and received a degree in [redacted] He was employed for [redacted] in New York and [redacted] in Chicago. [redacted] at SAVANNAH DHU (SD) in [redacted] is in charge of [redacted] which involves the [redacted] as well as the [redacted] does not oversee the [redacted]

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SAVANNAH DHU

SD is a 5,000 acre game preserve and an invitation only resort. It is utilized by family members, to hold weddings, and for business meetings related to DESTINY USA and PYRAMID COMPANIES (PYRAMID). SD has 135 beds and six buildings. SD is not open to the public. Invitations go through an approval process that begins with [redacted] regarding who stays at SD. SD is actually owned by MADEIRA ASSOCIATES.

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[redacted] a standard booking form which consists of a list of attendees, room assignments, meals, and other logistical information. SD is a full service resort with a staff of approximately 30 people. Dining is always full service with lunch being a three course meal, and dinner being a four course meal. The chefs determine the menu based on the requirements of the specific events that are held at SD. All guests at SD receive the best treatment possible without regard to their individual importance.

SD is a marketing tool [redacted] SD as a resort shows [redacted] SD is a great place to entertain. The guests who visit SD are well traveled and every effort is made to give them the experience of a five star resort with a home like mentality. A stay at SD is about the experience, and it helps create the right frame of mind to conduct business. The mission of SD is to take care of people and in doing so, demonstrate the vision of [redacted] DESTINY USA will become.

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SD has a budget of three million dollars which covers utilities, food, taxes, and labor costs among other things. This budget does not include money received from certain groups who pay to use the facilities at SD. For groups who pay to visit SD, there is a standard rate sheet with a per person charge. Essentially this rate sheet is designed to cover costs and is not profit driven. The rate is dependent on which building is utilized. For example, the daily rate for meals at the Pines Lodge is approximately $150 dollars. Breakfast is approximately $15-$18 dollars, lunch is $40 dollars, and dinner is $70 dollars per person.

Gift baskets are sometimes provided at SD depending on the guests. It is common to provide meat boxes to individuals visiting SD. Meat boxes are standard boxes kept in the freezer at SD containing various different types of sausages, preserves, and cuts of meat. The value of an individual meat box is approximately $70 dollars including shipping. [redacted] estimated that the retail value of such a meat box may be as high as $130 dollars.

[redacted] regarding use of SD. Billing for services is not conducted on site at SD. All invoices are created and sent from the Syracuse office. [redacted]

Most guests arrange their own transportation to and from SD. If it is a business related event at SD, transportation is usually by car at the individual company's expense. Hunting and fishing activities at SD are generally arranged ahead of time.

For charitable events held at SD, a value would be placed on the event based on break-even costs. Typically these events were local in nature. [redacted]

SD changed over a period of time [redacted] SD started out as a more family-oriented retreat and progressed to a creative, high-end service resort. DESTINY USA began using SD more and more for its business functions which [redacted] take SD to an even higher level of service. SD has not ever received an official rating because it is not open to the public; however, it is on par with a five star rating. SD has its own website which is utilized as a marketing tool for DESTINY USA.

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TRIPS BY CONGRESSMAN DON YOUNG TO SAVANNAH DHU

CONGRESSMAN DON YOUNG (YOUNG) has been to SD at least four times, and possibly on five occasions. [redacted] advised that YOUNG has visited SD more than any other politician he is aware of. Typically YOUNG visits SD in the fall as it is the best season for hunting. YOUNG always participates in hunting when visiting SD. YOUNG and his wife, LU YOUNG, would always stay at the Conference Barn when visiting SD. They would stay in the Trillium room which is located on the first level, and is the only room with a king size bed. The Trillium room is the master suite of the Conference Barn and by far the nicest room in this building with its own private bathroom.

Typically, [redacted] would come to SD with the YOUNGs in order to look after LU YOUNG. Assisting LU YOUNG would consist of driving her around, taking her shopping at outlet malls, and keeping her entertained. Usually the YOUNGs would rent a car, so that staff could drive LU YOUNG around. LU YOUNG has several special requirements when visiting SD such as eating meals at certain times, and having certain beverages such as ginger ale and a specific brand of bottled water available. LU YOUNG always spoke her mind regarding food preferences and particularly likes

Chardonnay wine. LU YOUNG enjoyed her visits to SD and one of her favorite activities was taking boat rides.

2003 TRIP

YOUNG's 2003 trip to SD was smaller in scale and may have involved a fund raiser. This particular trip was not related to the Alaska SeaLife Center (ASLC) auction event. For trips related to the ASLC auction, individuals would pay large amounts of money to spend face time with YOUNG during these trips to SD. On the 2003 trip, LU YOUNG and some of YOUNG's congressional staff were present. YOUNG likely arrived on a Thursday and left SD either Sunday or Monday in order to enjoy a long weekend. [redacted] does not recall what the rates for staying at SD were at this time. It is more expensive to stay at the Pines Lodge than the Conference Barn.

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[redacted] assumed that there was a connection between DESTINY USA and the fact that YOUNG was on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. [redacted] to the significance of individual guests and their importance to DESTINY USA.

2004 TRIP

[redacted] doesn't recall a Transportation Summit being held at SD in 2004, and doesn't remember the specific purpose of the 2004 trip by YOUNG. [redacted] was shown a SD attendance sheet (PYR 2526) for YOUNG's 2004 trip to SD. [redacted] advised that it looked like they rented a car for LU YOUNG to use while staying at SD, and the cost of the rental was forwarded to Syracuse. Usually someone on YOUNG's staff would rent a car because LU YOUNG preferred that [redacted] SD has two sport utility vehicles on site which are utilized to transport guests.

All the hunting requests go to [redacted] nickname? [redacted] recalled that YOUNG liked to hunt birds. Occasionally a masseuse would come to SD at a guest's request. Usually the guests would pay the masseuse, [redacted] directly for her services. LU or DON YOUNG have never requested a massage while staying at SD. The masseuse was most often used by guests associated with the ASLC event trip to SD or occasionally by congressional staff members.

In 2004, Congressman WALSH may have come to SD for a dinner, but [redacted] is not certain. [redacted] doesn't recall Governor RATAKI attending any events at SD.

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[redacted] advised that in September 2004, [redacted] as well as his wife and children came to SD for some rest, relaxation, and fishing. [redacted] does not know how [redacted] trip to SD came about, but [redacted] that [redacted] and his family would be coming to SD. [redacted] is not aware of whether [redacted] paid for his weekend trip to SD. It is not common for congressional staffers to come to SD on their own. [redacted] may have brought his family to SD one additional time as well. [redacted] and his family enjoyed the full amenities offered at SD. [redacted] described [redacted] as a very nice guy who helps take care of LU YOUNG, and assists in [redacted]

2005 TRIP

This particular trip was an ASLC event meaning the trip was auctioned off at a charity fund raiser event to raise money for the ASLC. [redacted] believes that ASLC is a DON YOUNG foundation and the purpose of the auction was to raise money for the foundation. For the winning trip, four couples spent an extended weekend at SD from a Thursday through a Sunday. The weekend trip involved a lot of hunting. In addition, a local masseuse was available for the guests. The trip was entirely recreational in nature.

[redacted] and spend some time with YOUNG. [redacted] advised that [redacted] YOUNG's staff and he has been to SD at least a couple of times. [redacted] observed that [redacted] appeared to have a close relationship with YOUNG.

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In October 2005 [redacted] attended a summit regarding Syracuse University that involved a demonstration on hunting gear for disabled individuals. [redacted] is aware that [redacted] has some connection with YOUNG, but is uncertain as to the nature of this connection. [redacted]

2006 TRIP

YOUNG's trip to SD in 2006 was also associated with the ASLC. Initially twenty people were scheduled to visit SD on this trip, but the size of the party decreased to twelve. [redacted] and his wife, [redacted] were present on the 2006 trip [redacted] When the wives visit SD with their husbands, they also receive meals as part of the overall package. b6 b7C

In regard to the first ASLC trip to SD, [redacted] the low dollar amount the trip was auctioned for [redacted] During the first year the trip was auctioned for approximately $5,000 dollars, and in subsequent years, the winning bid for the trip to SD increased to $75,000 dollars.

2007 TRIP

[redacted] advised that YOUNG's 2007 trip to SD was an ASLC event as well. The 2007 trip was no different than previous years. There was a lot of hunting, various recreational activities, and meals were included. [redacted] recalled that there was a pheasant hunt during this trip. [redacted] is not aware of a fund raiser being held during the 2007 trip.

[redacted] was present with his wife and children. [redacted] requested invoices for certain people that visited SD on this trip. [redacted] some people were not covered by the campaign for this trip and needed to be invoiced. [redacted] about the invoices. [redacted] prepared the invoices requested by [redacted] and they were reviewed by [redacted] then gave the invoices to [redacted] obtained checks from the individuals who were invoiced. These individuals included [redacted] an [redacted] DON and LU YOUNG were also invoiced on this trip; however, their expenses were paid for by YOUNG's campaign. [redacted] did not mention this need to invoice the trip for certain individuals was a change from previous years. [redacted] believed that YOUNG was fulfilling his obligation to the ASLC event by attending SD as a guest on these trips. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that guests at SD had to pay their own taxidermy costs. SD has utilized the services of [redacted] for approximately the last three years. [redacted] invoices independent of SD and arranges for shipping to individual customers. [redacted] recalled that YOUNG hunted elk on his first trip to SD. [redacted] is aware that elk hunting is an expensive sport, and that in certain states out west, elk hunting can cost anywhere from $8,000 dollars up to $15,000 dollars.

Congressman WALSH is a friend of [redacted] WALSH has hunted at SD a lot, but generally just for the day. WALSH never stays overnight at SD. [redacted] visits SD frequently since he [redacted] is not a big hunter, but meets with [redacted] regarding DESTINY USA, and participates in related events and meals at SD.

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[redacted] and YOUNG have known each other for a while. [redacted] advised that no other politicians are "regulars" at SD like YOUNG. [redacted] recalled seeing YOUNG and [redacted] engaged in "fireside" chats regarding DESTINY USA, politics, and hunting when YOUNG was at SD.

[redacted] was asked about [redacted] recalled [redacted] lodging at SD, [redacted] did not know what [redacted] did for a living.

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Case ID #: 58C-TP-~~NEW~~ 70141 (Pending)-1

Title: DONALD EDWIN YOUNG,
United States Congressman-Alaska;
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UNSUBS;
Corruption of Fed. Pub. Officials-
Legislative Branch.

Synopsis: To open Preliminary Public Corruption matter.

Details: On 04/16/2006, an article appeared in the Naples (FL) News detailing a 02/19/2005 fund-raising event held at the Hyatt Coconut Point in Estero, Florida for Alaska Congressman DONALD EDWIN YOUNG. The article sites campaign disclosure records filed by YOUNG that he recorded $41,750.00 in donations on or about 03/08/2005, predominately from Southwest Florida individuals or groups, some with links to land development in the area. YOUNG, the Chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, then approved a $10 million earmark in the Federal Transportation Bill to study an Interstate 75 interchange at Coconut Road, a project not in the area's long term plans.

YOUNG has stated Florida Congressman CONNIE MACK requested the funding. According to newspaper reports, MACK denies making such a request. The project appears to favor those developers owning property affected by the interchange, to include [redacted] thousands of acres that would increase in value if the connector is built. b6 -2 b7C -2

Applying the standards set forth in MIOG Section 58-2, YOUNG is a Federal Public Official elected to a position of trust within the Federal Government. The alleged corrupt activities of YOUNG require the use of his official position and is in violation of Federal law. The focus of this investigation will be on the systemic abuse of the

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position of trust by YOUNG, the Federal public official, in violation of Federal law, as opposed to Federal crimes being committed by YOUNG who happens to be a Federal public official.

Pursuant to MIOG Section 58-5, predication is defined as those facts and circumstances that would provide a reasonable basis to suspect that a public official has engaged in or is engaged in conduct which is a violation of Federal criminal laws. Specific and articulable facts or circumstances from a credible source indicating a possible violation of Federal law are necessary. In this matter, campaign contribution records demonstrate the receipt of funds from constituents in localities which were then awarded funds for Federal projects that may not have been requested or in the region's long term plans.

In support of opening a Preliminary Public Corruption investigation, MIOG Section 58-6.2 states all investigations, whether preliminary or full, should be designed to resolve the allegations regarding each subject in a timely manner.

This material has been reviewed by Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) [redacted]. AUSA [redacted] supports this recommendation and agrees this matter should be actively investigated. Possible violations include 18 U.S.C. § 201, Bribery/Gratuities, and 18 U.S.C. § 371, Conspiracy. b6 -3 b7C -3

Recommend opening and assigning a Preliminary Public Corruption investigation to SA [redacted] b6 -1 b7C -1

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1A4	5/2/08		✓	O/N re	
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We have to raise at least $5,000 for our area. Can you make some calls today [redacted] etc. all the trade groups that are earning big $$ in this growth area who would support getting I-75 funding. I've asked [redacted] and [redacted] Call me. b6 -5 b7C -5
I have to meet Connie Mack's people this afternoon. Let's try. It only takes 10 minutes to make
some phone calls. That can make a real difference. Thanks.

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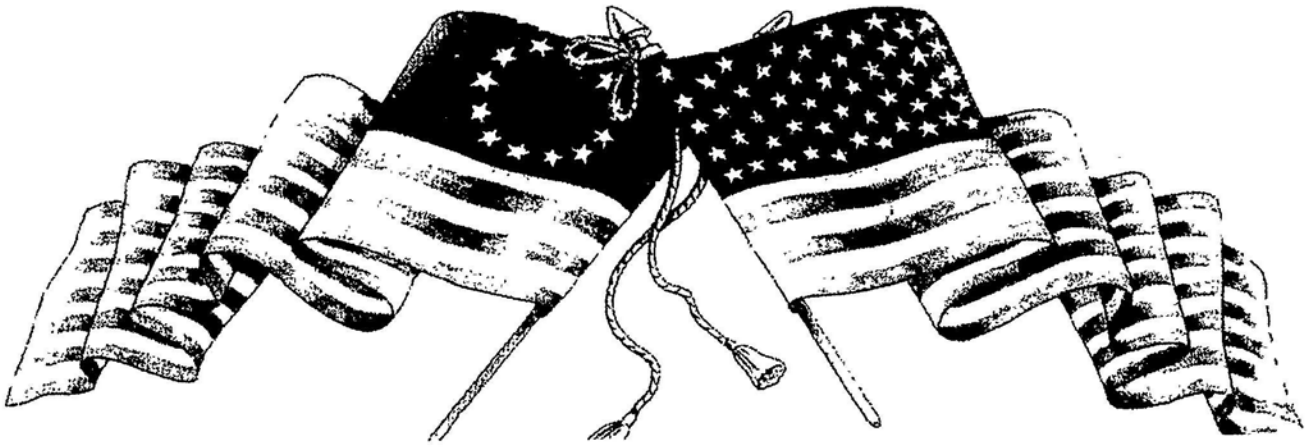
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>Importance: High
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>SWFTI Members:
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>We have been given a great opportunity to participate in a VIP
>Reception hosted by Congressman Connie Mack when Rep. Don Young,
>Chairman of the U.S. House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee,
>visits Southwest Florida on Saturday, February 19. That evening's
>reception takes place from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency Coconut
>Point Resort & Spa in Bonita Springs and is limited to those who
>contribute $500 to "Alaskans for Don Young." Please note that because
>this is a federal race, contributions are limited to personal checks
>(no corporate checks may be accepted).
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>Congressman Mack is hopeful that SWFTI members will take advantage of
>this great opportunity to network with Chairman Young and discuss our
>region's transportation priorities. Please consider supporting this
>effort and participating in the reception -- you can either email me or
>call with your RSVP.
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>There is a private dinner following the reception for those who donate
>or raise a minimum of $5,000. Please call me for more information if
>you are interested in participating at this level.
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>Thank you for the consideration, and I'll look forward to hearing from
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Please join Congressman Connie Mack,
Tom Conrecode, David Hart,
and members of the Southwest Florida Transportation Initiative (SWFTI)

in honoring

Chairman Don Young (R-AK)

Chairman, Transportation & Infrastructure; Resources; Homeland Security

Saturday, February 19, 2005

Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort & Spa
5001 Coconut Road, Bonita Springs, Florida

6-7 p.m. Reception - $500 per Individual
$1,000 per PAC

Contributions should be made payable to Alaskans for Don Young
and will be accepted at the door, or mail to Tina Matte, c/o SWFTI
1520 Royal Palm Square Blvd. Suite 160, Fort Myers, FL 33919

RSVP: Tina Matte, 239.275.5758 or TMatte@GravinaSmith.com

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Jr. council SUFTI (Su Fl Transportation Initiative)
trying to get more road attention from State
pressuring Comm Mack & Miss Diaz-Balart

Consists mostly of industry people - Bonita Bay
integral in that

Public Relations b6 -5 b7C -5
email from [redacted] biggest
client - always getting info on political candidates

SUFTI successful in getting state attention

showed up at event - talked of Diaz-Balart quite a bit
talked briefly w/ Mack. our chairman Young

not very many people at cocktail party
didn't go to "500"

doesn't think not [redacted] neg Lane b6 -5 b7C -5

Thinks SUFTI coordinated meeting -
would have recognized none at time

typical fundraiser

doesn't think SWIFT posted through Coconut rd

SWIFT ICE worked on much more for expansion of I-75

raising concerns to State Ld been successful -

I-75 important to Miami (Dixie-Beltway)

No one would have signed up for a Coconut Road Exchange -

Way down the list

FD-340 (Rev. 4-11-03)

File Number 58C-TP-70141-1A2

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☐ Yes ☑ No

Title: Donald Edwin Young
Et Al.
PC

Reference: _____
(Communication Enclosing Material)

Description: ☐ Original notes re interview of

Hyatt bill for Don Young

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Bonita Springs, FL 34134 USA
239.444.1234
FAX 239.390.4344

Guest Account

Room	Rate	Arrive	Depart	Folio No.	Account	Affiliation	FF	ID	Page
	275.00	02/19/05	02/21/05	210307	2 CCARD	2-SLES	11	DHB	1
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CONGRESSMAN CONNIE MACK
317 CANNON HOUSE OFFICE B
WASHINGTON DC 20515

** DEPARTED **

RES NO: SPIRIT: -01 11/06

Date	Code	Reference	ID	Description	Charges	Credits	Balance
0219	112	Rm	WSI	GROUP ROOM	275.00		275.00
0219	812	Rm	WSI	*OCCUPANCY TAX	8.25		283.25
0219	811	Rm	WSI	*ROOM TAX	16.50		299.75
0219	528		WSI	RESORT FEE	10.00		309.75
0220	112	Rm	JAN	GROUP ROOM	275.00		584.75
0220	812	Rm	JAN	*OCCUPANCY TAX	8.25		593.00
0220	811	Rm	JAN	*ROOM TAX	16.50		609.50
0220	528		JAN	RESORT FEE	10.00		619.50
0221	931	Ex	DHB			-619.50	.00
				TOTAL			.00

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0219	812	Rm	WSI	*OCCUPANCY TAX	8.25		299.25
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0219	528		WSI	RESORT FEE	10.00		325.75
0220	242	4917	242	*CORKSCREW LUNCH	21.96		347.71
0220	731		VLT	*LAMONT'S	95.21		442.92
0220	112	Rm	JAN	GROUP ROOM	275.00		717.92
0220	812	Rm	JAN	*OCCUPANCY TAX	8.25		726.17
0220	811	Rm	JAN	*ROOM TAX	16.50		742.67
0220	528		JAN	RESORT FEE	10.00		752.67
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0219	541		YY2	*GUEST MOVIES	14.65		14.65
0219	112	Rm	WSI	GROUP ROOM	275.00		289.65
0219	812	Rm	WSI	*OCCUPANCY TAX	8.25		297.90
0219	811	Rm	WSI	*ROOM TAX	16.50		314.40
0219	528		WSI	RESORT FEE	10.00		324.40
0220	211	1128	211	TANGLEWOOD BKFT	60.00		384.40
0220	112	Rm	JAN	GROUP ROOM	275.00		659.40
0220	812	Rm	JAN	*OCCUPANCY TAX	8.25		667.65
0220	811	Rm	JAN	*ROOM TAX	16.50		684.15
0220	528		JAN	RESORT FEE	10.00		694.15
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Alaskans for Don Young
Feb. 19 fundraiser

Checks

[redacted]	$500
	$500
	$500
	$500
	$500
	$500
	$250
	$100
	$100
Total	$3,450

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Attendees

[redacted]

Landon Group South, Inc.

Southwest Florida Transport

DATE	INVOICE NO	DESCRIPTION	INVOICE AMOUNT	DEDUCTION	BALANCE
8-01-06	6414	SWFTI ann fee 9/1/06-9	15000.00		15000.00
CHECK DATE 11-02-06		CHECK NUMBER 10790	TOTAL >	15000.00	15000.00

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Landon Group South, Inc.
27 East Long Lake Road
Suite 100
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304
248.642.0190

Huntington Bank
Troy, MI

74-947
724

DATE	CHECK NO.	AMOUNT
November 2, 2006	10790	$*****15,000.00

Pay **********Fifteen thousand dollars and no cents

PAY TO THE ORDER OF Southwest Florida Transport

1520 Royal Palm Sq Ste 160
Fort Myers, FL 33919

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Landon Group South, Inc.

Southwest Florida Transport

DATE	INVOICE NO	DESCRIPTION	INVOICE AMOUNT	DEDUCTION	BALANCE
9-01-04	6302	annual membership	15000.00		15000.00

	Name	Acct No	Invoice	Date	P.O. Num	Reference	Amount	Discount	Net
RPT	Agripartners	66205	6247	10/12/2003		SWFTI ANN RENEWAL	15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00

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Payor:	Agripartners	Date	Check No.	Check Amount
Payee:	SWFTI	11/4/2003	003241	15,000.00

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Agripartners
38500 Woodward Ave.
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Bloomfield Hills, MI
48304

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Troy, MI

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Date	Check No.	Check Amount
11/4/2003	003241	15,000.00

Fifteen Thousand AND 00/100 DOLLARS

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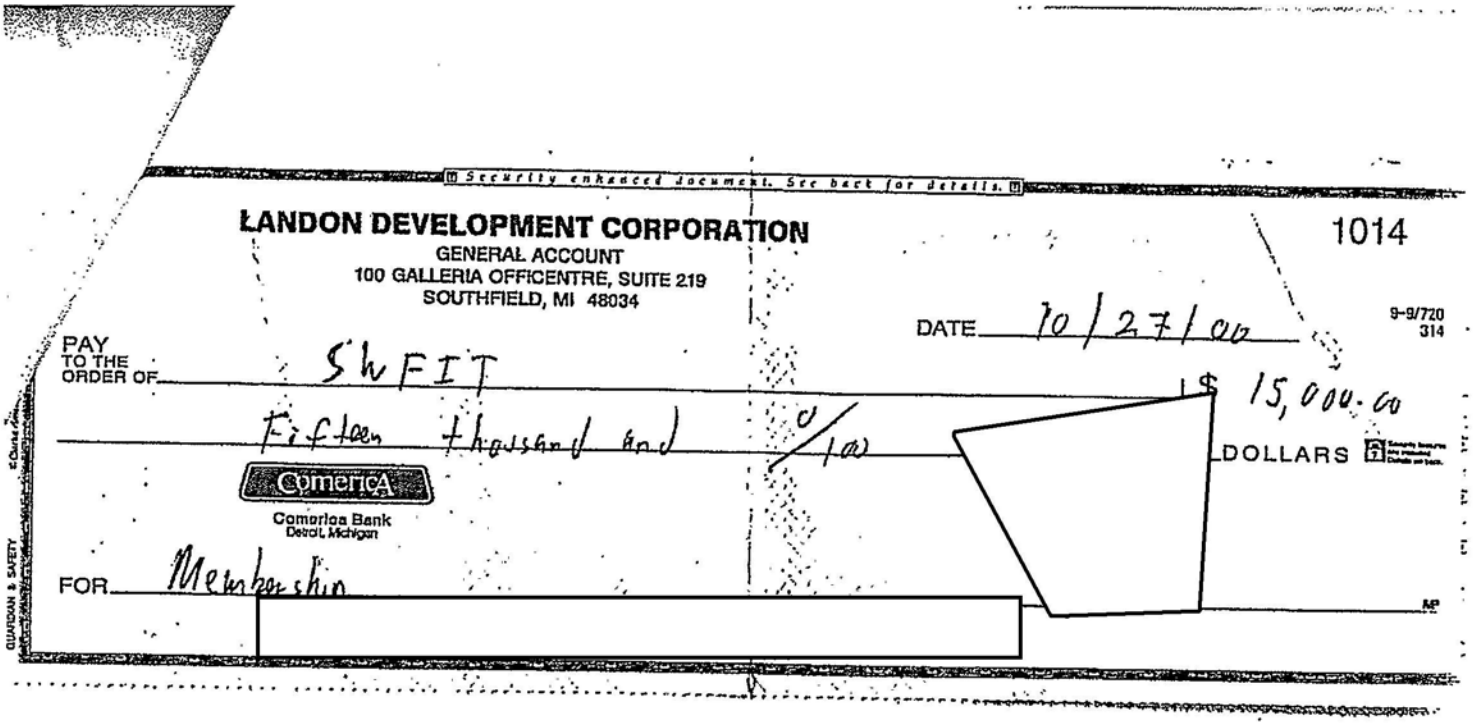
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LANDON DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
GENERAL ACCOUNT
100 GALLERIA OFFICENTRE, SUITE 219
SOUTHFIELD, MI 48034

1014

9-9/720
314

DATE 10/27/00

PAY TO THE ORDER OF SHFIT

$ 15,000.00

Fifteen thousand and 00/100 DOLLARS

Comerica Bank
Detroit, Michigan

FOR Membership

GUARDIAN S. SAFETY

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p South, Inc. Southwest Florida Transport

INVOICE NO	DESCRIPTION	INVOICE AMOUNT	DEDUCTION	BALANCE
2-05 6356	SWFTI annual membershi	20000.00		20000.00

CHECK DATE	8-30-05	CHECK NUMBER	10282	TOTAL >	20000.00		20000.00

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Landon Group South, Inc.
21 East Long Lake Road
Suite 100
Bloomfield Hills, Mi 48304

Huntington Bank
Troy, Mi

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DATE	CHECK NO.	AMOUNT
August 30, 2005	10282	$*****20,000.00

Pay: **********Twenty thousand dollars and no cents

PAY TO THE ORDER OF
Southwest Florida Transport
c/[redacted]
1520 Royal Palm Sq Ste 160
Fort Myers, FL 33919

[redacted]

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	Name	Acct No	Invoice	Date	P.O. Num	Reference	Amount	Discount	Net
PT	Agripartners	61112	6200	9/18/2002		MEMBERSHIP RENEWA	15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00

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Payor:	Agripartners	Date	Check No.	Check Amount
Payee:	SWFTI	2/13/2003	003178	15,000.00

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Agripartners
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Troy, MI

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Date	Check No.	Check Amount
2/13/2003	003178	15,000.00

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Name	Acct No	Invoice	Date	P.O. Num	Reference	Amount	Discount	Net
Agripartners	61112	ckreq010702	1/7/02		Dues	15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00

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Payor:	Agripartners	Date	Check No.	Check Amount
Payee:	SWFTI	1/7/02	003125	15,000.00

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Suite 310
Bloomfield Hills, MI
48304

Huntington Bank
Troy, MI

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Date	Check No.	Check Amount
1/7/02	003125	15,000.00

Fifteen Thousand AND 00/100 DOLLARS

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Fort Myers, FL 33919

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[redacted]

[redacted] — Pres. SWFTI client

↓

organizing the event

b6 -4, 5
b7C -4, 5

received as regular retainer

[redacted] is a member of SWFTI

They did not contact Congressman

got a call from Connie's office - saying Young coming down - Nick invited Young down

They had met w/ Young previously - not on their behalf -

met w/ Young or staff 4-5 times previously in DC for funding for Lewis & Clark or I-75 - expanding improvements for I-75

not official lobbyists - [redacted] organizer SWFTI - member based organization

b6 -4, 5
b7C -4, 5

SWFTI Exec Committee -

David Graham - deceased in DC

[redacted]

Young 26

consists of public/private groups -
present issues to congressmen - normal process
of applying for appropriations

minimum amount cocktail reception - ~~dinner~~

did not organize dinner

reception - mix & mingle

dinner - did not organize dinner
did not attend

SWFTI asked only for I-75 money & other
large projects

[redacted] called
& said [redacted] SWFTI
claiming it was a SWFTI priority - Coconut
Road interchange - not a SWFTI priority
Their priority - [redacted] relatively [redacted]
[redacted] SWFTI

Young-27

b6 -5
b7C -5

had conversation w/ [redacted] - SWFTI priority
level 5 or 6 - not advocating for Coconut Rd
Interchange - Once they got funds, they
would look at other projects - [redacted] said

he understood.

no time

had previous relationship w/ Tony - Excited he was coming - had nothing to do w/ Town Hall meeting.

met [redacted] a long time ago - presidential election event or private plane

he represents [redacted]

no recent activity - Nothing to do w/ SWFTI

not familiar w/ [redacted]

b6 -5
b7C -5

knew that they had $1 million for I-75

[redacted] called & asked if they had another $10 million in the bill - called Mark's office - Connie's office had to go check to see if it's in the bill

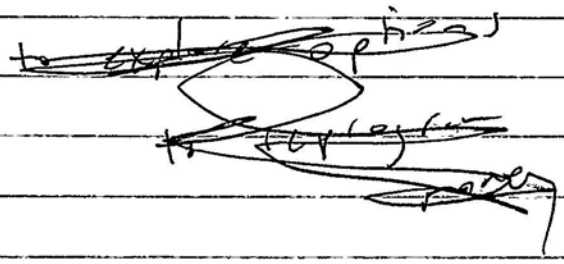
Initially thought it was more money for 75 widening

hasn't renewed SWFTI membership - due six months ago - didn't participate in many meetings - if participated - was by phone.

[redacted] who attend, meeting -

[redacted]

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b7C -5



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☐ Yes ☑ No

Title: Donald Edwin Young
FBI
RC

Reference:
(Communication Enclosing Material)

Description: ☒ Original notes re interview of [redacted]

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4/29

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

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b7C -4

[redacted]

[redacted]

Full Committee -

prior to introducing bill - Conversation -
between parliamentarian + Committee chief counsel
discuss

[redacted]

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b7C -5

- been there [redacted] or

Committee [redacted]

Committee parliamentarian

activity must involve enrollment, scheduling, liaison

enrolling clerk: review text of the bill for
execution

① section doesn't exist

At same time - copy of bill through official liaison
provide information back to enrolling clerk

never seen [redacted] buy anything for Young

b6 -4, 5
b7C -4, 5

Young had an alcove :- Li did she use to keep wine, crackers, soda. That would be stuff Young provided - never heard [redacted] other lobbyist providing stuff to Young - only [redacted]

Alaskan Native - group of Alaskans - very proud people didn't understand til went to Alaska as a congressional delegation - always see it as a term of endearment

Alaskan Native was sent from Alaska group [redacted] etc Li received emails for Alaskan Native

b6 -5
b7C -5

dozens of errors in the bill, [redacted] ↑ b6 -4 b7C -4 looking at other, they were responsible for errors

doesn't know if [redacted] for sure, behind Conner, but b6 -5 b7C -5 believes he is.

had nothing to do with changing the language in the Corps LD Earmark

1000's of people would review bill - Sch committee, personal + + enrollment technicians would look through bills - would not recognize error of

Locomotive Road issue brought to his attention
brought to him by FGCU (sort mixed positive)
Intelligent Transportation System / ITS

doesn't remember if Grant
Road Improvement
was
to
study funded
better hurricane evacuation

have to be Title 23 eligible activity - would be
in Section 1202

doesn't remember if a member requested him
come in for the ITS at FGCU

A year after bill passed - [redacted] about
a letter [redacted] - Original
[redacted] letter [redacted]
[redacted] Young [redacted]

b6 -4, 5
b7C -4, 5

[redacted]

Either just ask to Congress - a deadline asking for
requests for transportation - Each member Calls out
a Form (Thursday) submitted electronically - got
dumped into giant database - subcommittee looks for
non-eligible requests (ex airport, beach, remodel dock)
sometimes they just don't know

Young-33

Mainly don't lobby of subcommittee members

b6 -5
b7C -5

Don Young's request would go through [redacted]
his job to [redacted] office at other earmarks
requested by Chairman

[redacted] was in charge of the project b6 -5 b7C -5

Young asking for

Members changing their mind all the time about how they want to describe their projects

The staff may have made an error that no one can recognize - like 120 instead of 121 They recognize it after the text comes out + calls the staff to correct

[redacted] disliked him - not sure why - frustrated because not a decision making entity & things he wanted - [redacted] didn't [redacted]

[redacted]

Lobbyist in Vegas - [redacted] felt funding level for the project was very high - he thought not realistic

b6 -4, 5 b7C -4, 5

doesn't think [redacted] about Coconut

[redacted] Young's office - Tony a sociology Smarties than like Vokes - all the elected reps have no hang ocks + weir. - at Tortilla Coast Capitol Club - Young would have [redacted]

[redacted]

Lobbying in Subcommittee is programatic

Coroner Kel Interlude most likely - this shall would look for programatic errors

somebody in member's office had to contact committee + say this is an error - could be email to [redacted] or someone else

only way to make enrolling changes is for committee to submit changes or enrolling clerk has to make changes

b6 -5
b7C -5

test says "does it follow congressional intent"

he thinks it didn't change funding request once not material - came from bipartisan submission

[redacted] re letter - from [redacted] through [redacted] - discussing matters of law that by work structured

[redacted] re letter [redacted]

b6 -4
b7C -4

law - letter to MPO - [redacted] would have had an interest in the project - the whole idea of letter struck him as inappropriate

[redacted] letter implied further consequence that the law didn't allow - law says funding only available for that project

[redacted] letter

The letter had political interference saying that if Alaska was the money for intended purposes the money would be returned

Law says not true - money would just sit there it not built

b6 -4, 5
b7C -4, 5

[redacted] they had communicated

as a political matter, it could be reprogrammed in a technical corrections bill

[redacted] about the letter

The letters [redacted] authority

came out of Don Young's personal office.

[redacted] the inappropriate

Personal office considered [redacted] remarks before sending out. [redacted] no directions to letter

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(Address)
Arlington, VA 22207

By SA [redacted]

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[redacted]

[redacted]

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b7C -4

4/29/08

[redacted] → S/C - Highways
↳ strategic planning; moving through Conference
↳ activity / not-in-charge

↳ Full Ctr → extra Conv. activities

[redacted] T: I Cu. b6 -5 b7C -5

↳ Conv. - Parliamentarian

↳ activities involv. enrolling
↳ would have been lead on enrolling process.

enrollment: enrolling clerks ↳ review text of bill for execution.

↳ look for errors

↳ Mgrs of bill → liaison prov. info. to enrolling clerks for addl information.

↳ 1½ - 2yrs → before Conf. Report
→ # of switches
→ Univ. of ~~Sant~~ Gulf Coast Univ [redacted]
→ discussed Intell. Transp. Systems
[redacted] knew about t/c working on ITS b6 -4 b7C -4

[redacted] request: [redacted] (Alaska)
↳ Liaise personal office w/ DY b6 -5 b7C -5
↳ his job
[redacted] → worked w/ DY.

DY → asking for things in bill. / personal office

↳ [redacted]

↳ disliked [redacted]

↳ met w/ personal office;

① [redacted] → Nevada → [redacted]

[redacted] : believed smoking bed was ugly / S/C → check + think it was realistic.

② don't recall mtg. [redacted] w: loco rel.

b6 -4, 5
b7C -4, 5

[redacted] → DY's Office;

↳ [redacted]

↳ DY → at his office; just passing time;

↳ DY: alcove of wine; sodas, crackers;

↳ weird parade

↳ don't know who bought food.

Alaska Mafia → gang of Alaskans;

↳ diff world;

[redacted] dropped papers @ S/C

↳

↳ negotiations w/ staff members;

↳

b6 -4, 5
b7C -4, 5

[redacted] → didn't change provisions;

↳ told it was pd offense to lie

↳

S/C → uncle dir. of Ambassadorship [redacted] (senior)

↳ vice versa

↳

↳ S/C → didn't go projects to look for mistakes.

↳ [redacted] gets stuff electronically: put it in. b6 -5 b7C -5

→ Member's office contacted committee that there was an error;

↳ emailing clerk → list of errors in a bipartisan request.

→ Spring 2006 → [redacted] not approve the letter. b6 -4, 5 b7C -4, 5

→ [redacted]

→ them. [redacted]

→ [redacted] (for legal review)

→ re: discussing matter of law; spirit; Committee pt. of view; [redacted] it [redacted] for security & nothing else

↳ DA → has an interest in project; [redacted] is appropriate" → appeal for the consequence of not following law →

→ state DOT doesn't build it; it just sits there; it's not a cost to be taken away.

↳ implying "you better build it"

↳ [redacted]

↳ personal office sent it w/ some modification.

→ spoke to [redacted] w/ Ltr.

→ to express disapproval.

[redacted] saw inappropriate

→ [redacted] personal effect.

b6 -4, 5
b7C -4, 5

→ Committee wouldn't have used letter.

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File Number 58C-TP-70141-1A6

Field Office Acquiring Evidence Temp - FNRIT

Serial # of Originating Document _____

Date Received 7/29/04

From _____
(Name of Contributor/Interviewee)

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(Address)

_____
(City and State)

By [redacted]

b6 -1
b7C -1

To Be Returned ☐ Yes ☒ No

Receipt Given ☐ Yes ☒ No

Grand Jury Material - Disseminate Only Pursuant to Rule 6 (e) Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure

☐ Yes ☒ No

Federal Taxpayer Information (FTI)

☐ Yes ☒ No

Title: [redacted]

PC

b6 -4
b7C -4
b7D -1

Reference: _____
(Communication Enclosing Material)

Description: ☒ Original notes re interview of [redacted]

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7/23/09

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

b6 -4
b7C -4
b7D -1

[redacted]

b6 -5
b7C -5

[redacted] - creation of wetland/endangered species mitigation banks - operation mechanical leaving community - acquire & cultivate land

[redacted]

[redacted] - Beaver Road - [redacted]

b6 -4
b7C -4
b7D -1

[redacted]

4000 acres

[redacted] - formal agreement to extend I-75 for Tempo

plus talk of Regional airport — value of RIC would go up.

treated as [redacted]

[redacted] Coconut Rd interchange

b6 -4
b7C -4
b7D -1

2001, 2002 [redacted] SWFTI - Transportation funding Advocacy Group

They lobby legislators - [redacted] every month.

There was previously a planned Coconut Rd interchange planned

next to [redacted] interchange would become FDOT focus [redacted] instead the FGCU had potential interest in interchange at Coconut - [redacted]

b6 -4, 5, 6
b7C -4, 5, 6
b7D -1

SWFTI [redacted] in DC [redacted] gave letter on federal process - no recommendations

[redacted] FGCU - were interested [redacted] local [redacted] spoke to [redacted]

FGCU concerned about over capacity on I-75

has built Hurricane Shelter - interested in improved access

SWRTI had list of transportation priorities - interchange became a priority - doesn't know if project #1 not sure if listed [redacted] in numerical order

If it could be shown Cocoa Rd Interchange could reduce evacuation time, could be compelling to elected officials & public

[redacted] FDOT to have [redacted] to study this idea - Cocoa Rd Interchange ranked highest to improve evacuation

FDOT hired [redacted] contribution to FDOT for all or portion of [redacted] b11

b6 -4, 5
b7C -4, 5
b7D -1

more effective & more legitimate if done by University & for university - University elected study

[redacted] Interchange Justification Report (IJR) prelim study to approve Interchange [redacted] report said opposed that an interchange at Cocoa Rd would meet federal criteria - presented in Tallahassee at FDOT - received favorable response

next step, see [redacted] more

instruction ltr on how to do find IJR

[redacted] find IJR

[redacted] talking to [redacted] SWIFT about interchange

if FDOT to move forward, would [redacted]

[redacted]

b6 -4, 5, 6
b7C -4, 5, 6
b7D -1

in 2003 introduced to [redacted] - introduced by a respected [redacted] who had clients in FL + had good rep.

[redacted] to explain interchange.

possible to get funding from Safety-Lu - late in the game

Bill pretty for advanced - Conditions -

Chairman Young's perogative to designate

① local congressman had to support

② needed to make case of national significance

[redacted] Young - Young liked young people w/ ideas

important for Young [redacted]

b6 -4, 5
b7C -4, 5
b7D -1

[redacted]

I [redacted] because Young interested + Taylor could

qualify. [redacted] at [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] spoke to [redacted]

FGLU desired to try & integrate ITS w/ classrooms

[redacted] expert in ITS systems

[redacted]

What was initially proposed

[redacted]

Young Intermediate Instructor - will not fund out b6 -4, 5 b7C -4, 5 b7D -1

ITS was only a concept for FGLU does [redacted] was hired

[redacted]

[redacted] contacted him - Young invited by Mark to attend FGLU panel - Young planning a longer trip [redacted] recommended [redacted]

Staff + Young - [redacted] DC - Ft. Myers - Tampa b6 -4, 5 b7C -4, 5 b7D -1

request by Mark's office for contributions [redacted]

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[redacted]

Fundraiser at Hyatt hosted by SWFTI [redacted]

← WLI sponsor [redacted] Also Dan Young

VIP event + attended that event but was not charged

2 presentations at FGCU level

① expansion of Interstate 75

② Coconut Road Interchange (Hurricane preparedness

[redacted] - FGCU gun prevention

[redacted] male prevention

b6 -4, 5
b7C -4, 5
b7D -1

Mark + Dixon-Baker expressed support in male

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

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[redacted]

not [redacted]

[redacted] ← Young

[redacted] $40K for young in newspaper. b6 -4, 5 b7C -4, 5 b7D -1

[redacted] called in May/June 07 - [redacted]

Youngs active [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] Youngs people all screwed up in record-keeping "I

[redacted]

[redacted]

Coconut Road Exchange not submitted Dora Mackie office.

Mack waived 100% of his allocation to go to widening of I-75

[redacted] had extra allocation could use so for some b6 -4, 5 b7C -4, 5 b7D -1 exam

[redacted] Coconut Road on project of National Significance, then would not impact Mackie allocations

Process of National Significance explained via committee

[redacted]

[redacted]

b6 -4, 5
b7C -4, 5
b7D -1

[redacted]

[redacted] enrolled bill - to the floor
for a vote there was earmark.

[redacted]

[redacted] Trans Committee - Boy & enlisted
the bill. [redacted]

[redacted] - said it would
[redacted]

help craft proposal & has credibility with other
people in congress. [redacted]

[redacted] in DC at [redacted] office & went w/ [redacted]
also met him at the [redacted] Second Hip.

b6 -4, 5
b7C -4, 5
b7D -1

[redacted] Way [redacted]

Split in Lee County - residents of Brooks
opposed interchange & no approval

City of Battle Springs in favor

[redacted] sent letter to Young requesting money to be reprogrammed. [redacted] talking to [redacted]

[redacted]

b6 -4, 5
b7C -4, 5
b7D -1

[redacted] Mark because didn't offer public support?

felt Mark would have had influence over locals.

[redacted] - FGCU had Capitol Hill lobbyist. [redacted] (Ayers) University lobbyist exercise. We have: [redacted] for [redacted]

[redacted]

1. [redacted]
2. [redacted]

b6 -4, 5
b7C -4, 5
b7D -1

FGCU hand in ok

No contribution or cover cost for FGCU [redacted] Would be net of [redacted] cited for charitable Contribution but had not agreed [redacted] no contribution ever made.

[redacted]

not sure why SWFTI exec committee [redacted]

[redacted] said [redacted]

but meeting elected officials - [redacted]

[redacted] surprised he was at Andrews b6 -4, 5 b7C -4, 5 b7C -1

never went to [redacted] office - doesn't remember going to boss

[redacted] said Goss would support Coconut Road interchange did not happen

doesn't remember if ranked projects at SWFTI

final IJR - not sure how much would cost

did receive estimates - significantly more than preliminary

[redacted] May Lee had conversation w/ [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] stuck at lobbyist.

[redacted] worked for Lee County DOT

[redacted] Bonita Springs

[redacted] Airlie Partners project

[redacted] b6 -4, 5
b7C -4, 5
b7D -1

for Bonita Bay

[redacted]

[redacted] rep as knowable

guy. [redacted]

[redacted] was the leading opponent of Coconut

major vocal +

WCI [redacted] Jake Stor

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

b6 -4, 5
b7C -4, 5
b7D -1

[redacted] trying to set up meeting - [redacted] LL LL

Operation. Come up w/ plan to preserve & for

of property.

[redacted]

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Field Office Acquiring Evidence Tampa FMRA

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Date Received 6/17/10

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By [redacted]

b6 -1
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To Be Returned ☐ Yes ☒ No

Receipt Given ☐ Yes ☒ No

Grand Jury Material - Disseminate Only Pursuant to Rule 6 (e) Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure

☐ Yes ☒ No

Federal Taxpayer Information (FTI)

☐ Yes ☒ No

Title: Congressman Don Young Et Al PC

Reference: _____
(Communication Enclosing Material)

Description: ☒ Original notes re interview of [redacted]

b6 -4
b7C -4

[redacted]

[redacted]

b6 -4
b7C -4

1st not involved w/ Agreements when mayor of Battle Springs — They were trying to incorporate their 4000 acres into city doesn't remember for or against — thinks voted for

dealt w/ employees mostly — [redacted]

[redacted]

b6 -5
b7C -5

didn't go through

Battle Springs was a heavy city — not going to be revenue producer & revenue services needed Fit remote requirements but not part of

Didn't know Ms Agreements for a while after he served terms as mayor [redacted] to work on Cochran Road Interchange

b6 -5
b7C -5

Mostly did Community Outreach — Talk to people — lay people

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talked to different community leaders to try & build support for Rock interchange

[redacted] b6 -4 b7C -4

never traveled to Washington

had 4-5 meetings w/ [redacted] b6 -5 b7C -5

most of the time - asked how were things going - most communication thru [redacted]

asking about people's opinion - Is there things to do to make it happen - what kind of things can we give to help

no dealings w FGCU @ - presentation put together by Congressman Mack + [redacted]

[redacted]

FGCU trying to start engineering school trying to get funding for ITS (Intelligent Transportation System)

b6 -5 b7C -5

no knowledge of FGCU deal

@ was not asked to donate to Young's + Mack's campaign

never met [redacted]

Knows [redacted] of
Lee County - now lobbyist

had dinner a couple of times w/ [redacted]
+ [redacted]

[redacted] for b6 -5 b7C -5
Agriculture

No conversations w/ [redacted] or anyone
else at SWFL

MPO rejected funds - registered as a lobbyist
for Lee County

doesn't remember if talked to [redacted]
[redacted] [redacted] was w/ [redacted]
because [redacted] apparent

b6 -5
b7C -5

No conversations about changes in the bill.

had to deal w/ [redacted] other Lee

never dealt w/ [redacted]
project - Knows them

does consulting work - works for
Saint Bay -

Now [redacted] - trying to b6 -4 b7C -4
get more

mostly community outreach.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 06/27/2007

To: Anchorage **Attn:** SSA [redacted]
SA [redacted]

Criminal Investigative **Attn:** Public Corruption Unit
UC [redacted]
SSA [redacted]
SSA

Milwaukee **Attn:** SSA
Washington Field **Attn:** SSA

From: Tampa
Squad 10
Contact: SA [redacted] b6 -1 b7C -1

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 58C-TP-70141 (Pending) -2

Title: DONALD EDWIN YOUNG,
United States Congressman-Alaska;
[redacted] b6 -2 b7C -2
Corruption of Fed. Pub. Officials-
Legislative Branch.

Synopsis: To advise receiving offices of new Public Corruption matter.

Enclosure(s): Enclosed for FBI HQ/PCU are two (2) copies of a LHM suitable for dissemination.

Details: On 04/16/2006, an article appeared in the Naples (FL) News detailing a 02/19/2005 fund-raising event held at the Hyatt Coconut Point in Estero, Florida for Alaska Congressman DONALD EDWIN YOUNG. The article sites campaign disclosure records filed by YOUNG that he recorded $41,750.00 in donations on or about 03/08/2005, predominately from Southwest Florida individuals or groups, some with links to land development in the area. YOUNG, the Chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, then approved a $10 million earmark in the Federal Transportation Bill to study an Interstate 75 interchange at Coconut Road, a project not in the area's long term plans.

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YOUNG has stated Florida Congressman CONNIE MACK requested the funding. According to newspaper reports, MACK denies making such a request. The project appears to favor those developers owning property affected by the interchange [redacted] thousands of acres that would increase in value if the connector is built. b6 -2 b7C -2

Tampa has opened a Preliminary Investigation into the allegations above. Tampa will coordinate with each receiving office to avoid disruption or duplication of pending investigations concerning the named subjects.

LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1: (Info)

ANCHORAGE

AT ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

Read and clear.

Set Lead 2: (Action)

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE

AT WASHINGTON, DC

Read and clear.

Set Lead 3: (Info)

MILWAUKEE

AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

Read and clear.

Set Lead 4: (Info)

WASHINGTON FIELD

AT WASHINGTON, DC

Read and clear.

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U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Tampa, Florida
June 27, 2007

DONALD ERWIN YOUNG,
United States Congressman-Alaska;
[redacted]
UNSUBS;
Corruption of Fed. Pub. Officials-
Legislative Branch

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YOUNG has stated Florida Congressman CONNIE MACK requested the funding. According to newspaper reports, MACK denies making such a request. The project appears to favor those developers owning property affected by the interchange, to [redacted] thousands of acres that would increase in value if the connector is built.

Tampa has initiated a Preliminary Investigation and will advise the PCU of significant developments.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 07/03/2007

To: Washington Field **Attn:** SSA [redacted]

From: Tampa
Squad 10
Contact: SA [redacted] b6 -1 b7C -1

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 58C-TP-70141 (Pending) -3

Title: DONALD EDWIN YOUNG,
United States Congressman-Alaska;
[redacted] b6 -2 b7C -2
UNSUBS;
Corruption of Fed. Pub. Officials-
Legislative Branch.

Synopsis: To request Washington Field Office (WFO) concurrence for travel to WFO territory.

Administrative: Ref email between SSA [redacted] and SA [redacted] on 07/03/2007. b6 -1 b7C -1

Details: This matter relates to ongoing public corruption investigations being conducted by WFO and other field offices, to include Tampa, into allegations of corruption involving Alaskan Congressman DONALD E. YOUNG. A briefing has been coordinated for the purpose of maximizing investigative resources on 07/13/2007 in Washington, DC. It is anticipated prosecutors from DOJ Public Integrity and case agents from WFO will meet with Tampa SSA [redacted] SA [redacted] SA [redacted] and AUSA [redacted]

On 07/12/2007, SSA [redacted] SA [redacted], SA [redacted] and AUSA [redacted] will travel to Washington. On 07/13/2007 the briefing will occur at either DOJ or WFO. All Tampa personnel will depart on 07/13/2007 and return to Tampa. b6 -1, 3 b7C -1, 3

Tampa requests WFO authority for travel to Washington for the purpose outlined herein.

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LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1: (Discretionary)

WASHINGTON FIELD

AT WASHINGTON, DC

Request concurrence for SSA [redacted] SA [redacted] SA [redacted] and AUSA [redacted] to travel to WFO territory on 07/12-13/2007. b6 -1, 3 b7C -1, 3

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 07/16/2007

To: Tampa **Attn:**

From: Tampa
Squad 10
Contact: SA [redacted]

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Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 58C-TP-70141 (Pending) -4

Title: DONALD EDWIN YOUNG,
United States Congressman-Alaska;
[redacted]
UNSUBS;
Corruption of Fed. Pub. Officials-
Legislative Branch.

b6 -2
b7C -2

Synopsis: To open sub-files.

Details: Request the following sub-file(s) be opened:

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 08/23/2007

To: Tampa

From: Tampa
Squad 10
Contact: SA [redacted] b6 -1 b7C -1

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 58C-TP-70141 (Pending) -5

Title: DONALD EDWIN YOUNG,
U.S. CONGRESSMAN-ALASKA;
[redacted] b6 -2 b7C -2
UNSUBS;
CFPO

Synopsis: To recommend SA [redacted] (FMRA) be made a co-case agent.

Details: This priority public corruption matter is being worked by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] Recommend assigning SA [redacted] as a co-case agent. b6 -1 b7C -1

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 09/07/2007

To: Tampa

From: Tampa
Fort Myers RA
Contact: SA [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted] b6 -1 b7C -1

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 58C-TP-70141

Title: DONALD EDWIN YOUNG,
United States Congressman-Alaska;
[redacted] b6 -2 b7C -2
UNSUBS;
Corruption of Fed. Pub. Officials -
Legislative Branch

Synopsis: To request that SA [redacted] FMRA, be assigned as co/case agent for captioned matter.

Details: In order to adequately address this high profile and sensitive public corruption investigation it is requested that SA [redacted] FMRA, be designated as co/case. b6 -1 b7C -1

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Assign Co-case
SA [redacted]
9-1-07
done 9-10-07

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 09/11/2007

To: Tampa Attn: FMRA
SSA [redacted]
SA
SA [redacted]

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From: Tampa
Squad 10
Contact: SA [redacted] b6 -1 b7C -1

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 58C-TP-70141 -7

Title: DONALD EDWIN YOUNG, b6 -2 b7C -2
United States Congressman-Alaska;
[redacted]
UNSUBS;
Corruption of Fed. Pub. Officials -
Legislative Branch

Synopsis: To recommend SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] FMRA, be assigned as co/case agents for captioned matter.

Details: Based upon the transfer of SA [redacted] recommend this matter be assigned to SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] as co/case agents. b6 -1 b7C -1

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Done 9-18-07

Xfer and Re-assign
Case agent = [redacted]
co-case =
9-20-07

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U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 58C-TP-70141

5525 West Gray Street
Tampa, FL 33609

(813) 253-1028
September 25, 2007

Honorable James Klindt
United States Attorney
Middle District of Florida
400 N. Tampa Street, Suite 3200
Tampa, Florida 33602

b6 -3
b7C -3

Attention: AUSA [redacted]

RE: Donald Erwin Young

Dear Mr. Klindt:

The purpose of this correspondence is to advise your office of the transfer of the investigation regarding U.S. Congressman Donald E. Young to our Fort Meyers Resident Agency. Special Agent (SA) [redacted] and SA [redacted] will be assigned as co-case agents of the investigation. SA [redacted] will no longer be assigned to this case.

b6 -1
b7C -1

Federal Grand Jury subpoenas have been issued in this investigation. As such, SA [redacted] SA [redacted] and Supervisory Special [redacted] should be added to the FRCP Rule 6(e) list.

Any questions regarding the transfer of this file may be directed to SA [redacted]

Sincerely,

Steven E. Ibison
Special Agent in Charge

[redacted]

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[redacted]
Supervisory Special Agent

1-addressee
1-58C-TP-70141
1-SA [redacted]

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Interchange study gets OK

Environment still a concern for Coconut project

BY DENISE L. SCOTT
dscott@news-press.com

The controversial study to determine whether to build an Interstate 75 interchange at Coconut Road in Estero is moving forward.

Lee County's Metropolitan Planning Organization voted 13-1 Friday to use $10 million in federal money earmarked for an interchange study.

The origin of that money got national attention last week when The New York Times printed a front-page article about the link between a local developer and U.S. Rep. Don Young, R-Alaska, former chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

The MPO is a planning board of 15 local politicians who decide regional road issues.

The group clarified that its vote to approve a study is a far cry from approving an interchange, which could harm sensitive wetlands east of Interstate 75.

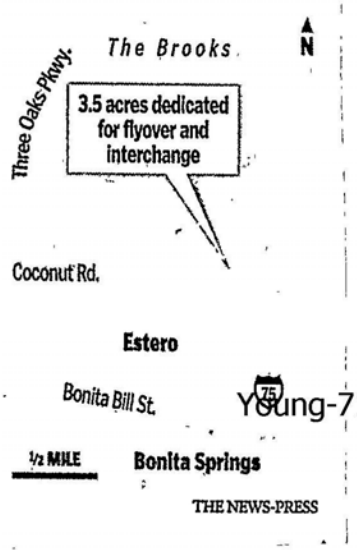
They've also not given up on finding a way to use some of the $10 million for other local road projects.

The lone dissenter in the vote was Fort Myers Beach Councilman William Shenko Jr. Lee County Commissioner Tammy Hall was absent.

After hearing public comment, Lee County Commissioner Ray Judah made the motion to move forward with the interchange study.

Many MPO members have spoken against the interchange, but Judah's stipulation about first reaching an agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation about the study's design and scope seemed to sway them.

■ See **COCONUT** A2
■ Also see Betty Parker **B1**



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COCONUT

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"I feel comfortable and have certainty if we expand the scope to Corkscrew and Bonita Beach (roads), we will find where an appropriate interchange should be built — if one needs to be built at all," Judah said.

He said even if a location is recommended, the required local environmental impact studies will likely not permit development east of I-75.

"That will get us to the point where we are in charge of the whole process," he said.

Supporters of the study include the Estero and Bonita Area chambers of commerce, Bonita Springs and Simon Property Group, the developer of Coconut Point mall just north of Coconut Road.

They all emphasized that this phase is just a study, something that angered Phil Douglas, who lives in The Brooks off Coconut Road.

"These are special-interest people speaking for one thing," he said. "More roads. More development. That's what it's all about."

Judah made clear that his environmental concerns remain, as does his distaste for the way the $10 million was allocated.

A Coconut interchange would cut through part of the wetlands that the county is trying to protect for drinking water supply, surface water cleansing and wildlife habitat.

Young slipped $10 million into the 2006 federal highway bill for the Coconut Road interchange study, shortly after developer Daniel Aronoff helped Young raise more than $40,000 two years ago during the congressman's visit to Southwest Florida.

Aronoff is the head of the Landon Companies, and he owns 4,000 acres directly east of the proposed interchange, land that would skyrocket in value with access to Interstate 75.

Bonita chamber representative Ray Faubion defended Young's fundraising here as public and legal. And, he said, the idea of a Coconut Road interchange came long before Young's visit.

"It's not a new or sudden [illegible]ea," Faubion said, noting Lee County commissioners made Bonita Bay set aside land for an interchange when it built The Brooks.

"It's been talked about for 25 years. If an interchange is justified by a study, so be it. If not, so be it. Let's at least get the facts."

Judah said doling out money to special-interest groups without congressional debate is revolting, but local governments have no control over the actions of Congress.

He said the area's tremendous growth will at some point require a study of how to improve transportation, especially in southern Lee County.

"My intention today was to provide local control over the use of the money," he said.

Jeff Cohen, chief of staff for U.S. Rep Connie Mack, R-Fort Myers, said Mack will support local leaders' decisions.

But Shenko said the allocated money must be used specifically to study an interchange at Coconut Road. He said they've already asked to use the money for other projects and been told they couldn't.

Florida DOT representative Stanley Cann agreed that the money is for a specific purpose. However, he said, the department's opinion is that more interchanges create more friction and less efficiency.

"We're trying to find out if there's a real need out there," he said.

Brooks resident Dan Dornan encouraged the MPO to look at a Coconut Road interchange with no eastern extensions.

"You can win, even if you live in The Brooks," he said. "If (traffic) doesn't come from the interstate, it's going to come down Coconut Road."

Sanibel Mayor Carla Johnston said she would like to see what other MPO priorities fit within the scope of the study.

But Cann said the study limits are between the interchanges at Corkscrew and Bonita Beach.

"Other MPO priorities, I can't include," he said.

If so, Johnston said, they should then write a letter asking the federal government to reprogram the money for other local priorities, such as an airport interchange and widening I-75.

Cape Coral Councilwoman Dolores Bertolini said if that happens, they should consider an interchange for the Del Prado Boulevard extension.

"There's lots of ways to use this $10 million," Johnston said.

The MPO will not meet in July. Cann said he will bring the study's consultant, AIM Engineering to the August meeting.

— The News-Press staff writer Ryan Hiraki contributed to this report.

MPO MEMBER COMMENTS

"I don't want anybody to think just because we're having a study that I'm voting for anything that's going to become a domino."
— Lee County Commissioner Frank Mann

"I'd like to reject this earmark ramrod and redirect or reprogram it."
— Lee County Commissioner Brian Bigelow

"If we were smart, we'd take $5 million, donate it to (Don) Young and get $100 million back."
— Fort Myers Councilman Randy Henderson

"Ten million dollars will be well spent if it gets us off this subject."
— Bonita Springs Councilman Ben Nelson

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Mack mum on budget wishlist

Local lawmaker's 22 requests total $16.4 million

BY EUN KYUNG KIM
Gannett News Service

WASHINGTON — Despite ongoing calls to make the federal budget process more transparent, lawmakers continue to be squeamish about revealing the special hometown funding requests they make.

Upon media request, Rep. Connie Mack IV recently revealed the list he submitted to the House Appropriations Committee. But there was a catch — no particulars about them could be divulged.

The Fort Myers Republican submitted 22 requests totaling $16.4 million. Money was requested on behalf of local governments, universities and various nonprofit organizations.

Democratic Sen. Bill Nelson declined to disclose such a list. So did Republican Sen. Mel Martinez.

"Sen. Nelson believes taxpayers have a right to know how their money is spent. So when the appropriations process is complete, he'll release all projects that will get federal funds," said Bryan Gulley, Nelson's press secretary.

In the meantime, Nelson's office released a list of funding requests it received.

That's more than Martinez would provide.

"The appropriations process is extremely competitive, especially in tight budget years," said Martinez press secretary Ken Lundberg. "Releasing appropriations requests before their approval by the committee and by the Senate is counterproductive. to ensuring Florida's interests are being met by this process."

Public-interest groups aren't buying the excuses.

"For those offices that refuse to disclose, what they're basically saying is that I don't want to be held accountable by my constituents," said Meredith McGehee, policy director for the Washington-based Campaign Legal Center.

Mack's chief of staff, Jeff Cohen, acknowledged a fine line gets walked when it comes to earmarks, once commonly referred to as pork.

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"We want to strike a balance between transparency in showing the press the projects we're fighting for, and managing what is a competitive and complex process that is still in its early stages," Cohen said.

Some lawmakers argue there are political reasons for not disclosing their funding requests. Among them, they don't want to offend constituents whose funding requests they reject.

They also don't want to risk competing against other lawmakers vying for the same money or who may oppose their pet projects entirely.

Congress recently drafted new rules to require lawmakers who submit earmark requests to sign a letter stating neither they, nor their spouses, have any financial interest in their requests.

The changes were spurred in part by the corruption scandal involving former Rep. Randy "Duke" Cunningham, R-Calif., who went to jail for taking bribes from defense contractors in return for steering earmarks their way. Another scandal involved the $223 million "Bridge to Nowhere," which linked a small Alaskan town to a tiny island.

Steve Ellis, vice president of Taxpayers for Common Sense, said there shouldn't be an in-between option when it comes to transparency.

"You either think it's a good idea to disclose these earmarks and you lead by example, or you're part of the problem," he said.

Ellis said one reason lawmakers don't reveal their earmarks is they see them as yardsticks against which to be measured.

"So if you ask for 10 things, and you only get one, are you only 10 percent effective?" he said. "To me, that's part of the reason why there would be a benefit of disclosure. It means they would have to think a lot more carefully about what they actually ask."

FUNDING REQUESTS

Funding requests submitted to Sen. Bill Nelson's office include:

LEE COUNTY:

- $7 million for the Lee County Transit Facility Project.
- $4.5 million for capacity and overpass improvements along U.S. 41.
- $1.5 million for improvements on the Edison & Ford Winter Estates.
- $1 million for research on red tide early detection from Florida Gulf Coast University.
- $2 million for Fort Myers East Water Reclamation Facility

COLLIER COUNTY:

- $750,000 toward a visitors interpretive center at the Naples Botanical Garden.
- $5 million to relieve congestion on Interstate 75/Collier Boulevard/State Road 84 Interchange.
- $3.3 million for dredging Gordon Pass.
- $665,000 to help fund a Nicaragua scholarship at Ave Maria University.
- $1 million toward Ave Maria University's campus library.

CHARLOTTE COUNTY:

- $2 million to widen Burnt Store Road for an evacuation route.
- $4 million for enhancements to U.S. 41.
- $700,000 for Family Services Center.

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Landowner: Money's for Coconut only

BY DENISE L. SCOTT
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A company that owns 4 square miles in southeast Lee County released a report Thursday stating $10 million in federal money can be used only to study whether a nearby interchange is needed.

The report was released one day before a county transportation board is scheduled to vote on removing the Coconut Road interchange from its five- and 30-year road plans.

It also comes one day after Taxpayers for Common Sense, a Washington, D.C., based nonpartisan budget watchdog organization, asked the House Ethics Committee to investigate how the $10 million Coconut Road request became law.

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INTERCHANGE

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The Coconut interchange study has caught the attention of the national media because it involves a powerful lawmaker under investigation, lobbyists, fundraising and pork-barrel spending.

Agripartners, which owns the environmentally sensitive land east of I-75 and paid for the report, could benefit if an interchange is built.

It hired a national transportation expert to write the report, which was sent to members of Lee County's Metropolitan Planning Organization. The report also said the money for the study would not take away cash from the Interstate 75 widening.

That planning organization, which consists of the five county commissioners and representatives from Lee's five cities, decides regional road issues.

The MPO will meet this morning to vote again on removing the Coconut interchange the two road plans — this time after a required public hearing.

In 2005, the board voted against taking the $10 million, until U.S. Rep. Don Young, R-Alaska, wrote a letter that emphasized the money can be used toward the interchange only; otherwise the county might lose it.

The planning organization eventually voted to accept the money.

That decision was reversed last month after Sanibel resident Darla Letourneau found the designation for the $10 million was changed from I-75 widening to the Coconut interchange after the federal highway bill was passed in the House and Senate.

Letourneau was a deputy assistant secretary with the U.S. Department of Labor during the Clinton administration, and looked into the issue as a favor to Sanibel Councilwoman Carla Johnston, chair of the planning organization.

The interchange is coming up again Friday because the planning group failed to follow procedure and failed to advertise its vote and take input from its advisory boards, jeopardizing future federal road dollars.

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The Agripartners report, which refutes Letourneau's, is by Washington, D.C., attorney Jack Schenendorf, who served nearly 25 years on the staff of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

He reports that:

- The Coconut Road provision is valid and drafted as signed by President Bush.
- The $10 million for the Coconut Road project would not be taken from money allocated to widen I-75.
- If funding for the Coconut Road project were to be repealed, Florida would lose $10 million because it cannot be reprogrammed, reallocated or transferred.
- Congress is unlikely to pass a technical corrections bill addressing the Coconut Road authorization.

"The $10 million in funding for the Coconut Road project must be used for the Coconut Road project. It is that simple," Schenendorf wrote in his report.

Sanibel's Johnston disagrees.

"His letter is misleading," she said. "We're not asking to reprogram, reallocate or transfer the money. We're asking that it be used for the authorized purpose as voted on by Congress — which is the widening of I-75. ... I guess sending out letters from an impressive law firm is supposed to sway people."

Letourneau said those who read Schenendorf's report must remember that he represents Agripartners' interests.

"A lot of what he says is irrelevant to the issue at hand," she said.

Elizabeth Hirst, spokesperson for Agripartners, said in a written statement:

"The legal opinion, prepared by a nationally respected transportation expert, clarifies the appropriateness of the $10-million provision to pay for the study of an interchange. This funding is in addition to the $81 million the region is receiving for I-75 widening projects. ...

"The interchange has been part of a long-term state transportation plan for more than a dozen years."

Agripartners President Daniel Aronoff owns the sensitive wetlands east of the proposed interchange and was one of the power brokers behind a 2005 fundraiser in Estero that generated $40,000 for Young.

Young was chair of the House Transportation Committee, which decides how road money is spent.

A federal investigation is under way to determine how the designation was changed for the $10 million.

Democrat Bill Nelson and Republican Mel Martinez, the U.S. senators from Florida, vowed to steer back the money toward the widening of I-75 after learning about the questionable change to the highway bill.

U.S. Rep. Connie Mack IV, R-Fort Myers, has also joined the effort.

The watchdog group in Wednesday's request cites a House rule that states, "The enrolling clerk should make no change, however unimportant, in the text of a bill to which the House has agreed."

"This is an extraordinary case of the integrity of the U.S. House of Representatives being undermined," wrote Ryan Alexander, president of the watchdog group in a letter to House officials.

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Coconut study killed — again

MPO's second vote ends much like first

BY DENISE L. SCOTT
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The study to add an interchange at Interstate 75 and Coconut Road is dead again.

The planning board that decides regional road issues voted to remove the controversial transportation study from its five-year plan Friday — this time following proper legal procedures that included a public hearing.

The Metropolitan Planning Organization, made up of county commissioners and representatives of Lee's cities, voted 6-5 to pull the interchange study. One county commissioner and all three Fort Myers representatives were absent.

The vote came after an hour of heated public testimony — 13 for and 13 against the study — and two hours of board discussion.

About 80 people attended the meeting, some overflowing into the entrance of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council in Fort Myers.

If the study had proven a Coconut Road interchange feasible and money was acquired for construction, it would have been built adjacent to The Brooks community in Estero, between the interchanges at Corkscrew and Bonita Beach roads in south Lee County.

The interchange fight has caught the attention of the national media because it involves a powerful congressman, U.S. Rep. Don Young, R-Alaska.

He is former chair of of the House Transportation Committee, which decides how road money is spent.

Agripartners president Daniel Aronoff, who owns environmentally sensitive land that could possibly be developed if the interchange were built, was involved with a 2005 fundraiser in Estero that generated $40,000 for then-chairman Young.

A federal investigation is under way to determine how the designation of

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the $10 million in the federal highway bill was changed from widening I-75 to the Coconut interchange after being approved by the House and Senate.

The question of the money was a topic of discussion during public comments.

"We will not be part of the slander and mud-slinging (against) a U.S. congressman," said Meg Judge, chairman and CEO of the Estero Chamber of Commerce.

She was the only Estero resident who spoke in favor of taking the money for the study.

Estero residents from The Brooks have been outspoken against the study and an interchange going through their neighborhood.

Nick Batos, a resident of Shadowwood in The Brooks, wants the $10 million to go toward I-75's widening.

"Our priority is clear. We need to preserve the DR/GR," he said, referring to environmentally-sensitive land east of I-75 that provides wildlife habitat and the area's drinking water. "And widen I-75."

Most who support the study have concerns about the need for traffic congestion relief in Bonita Springs, specifically on Bonita Beach Road.

Bonita City Manager Gary Price said no one will know if an interchange will destroy the environment without a study.

Bonita resident John Spear, a former member of an MPO advisory board, said the interchange study has support from area residents, as shown by a 2005 petition with 1,500 signatures.

"The folks in the Brooks are overwhelmingly against it," he said. "The rest of south Lee is overwhelmingly for it. Find out if the interchange is needed or not."

Board member Ray Judah, a county commissioner who represents the Estero area, sought compromise.

He proposed using $1 million of the $10 million for the study, while continuing to try to get the other $9 million for I-75.

"We do need to do a corridor study," Judah said, emphasizing not just Coconut Road but the entire stretch between Corkscrew and Bonita Beach roads.

"If we don't do it with federal dollars, we're going to have to do it with local dollars."

Judah said results of the study may strengthen the board's efforts to get more federal money for improvements to the existing interchanges.

"The study may show there may be a need for an interchange further south," he said.

But Sanibel Vice-Mayor Carla Johnston, chair of the planning organization, said she fears that would confuse the issue for the congressional delegation, which is trying to get the entire $10 million for I-75.

"Are we satisfied with leaving the congressional delegation with a mushy, 'We're going to spend some of it?' " she said.

Democrat Bill Nelson and Republican Mel Martinez, the U.S. senators from Florida, vowed to steer the money back toward I-75's widening after learning about the mysterious shift of money. U.S. Rep. Connie Mack IV, R-Fort Myers, also has joined the effort.

The MPO will wait to find out if the delegates are successful. If not, and the money only can be used for an interchange study, the issue will come back to the MPO.

The organization has been struggling with the interchange issue for two years. In 2005, the board voted against taking the $10 million — until Young wrote a letter emphasizing the money can be used toward the interchange only; otherwise the county might lose it.

MPO VOTES

■ **VOTE 1**

Unanimous vote to rescind a previous motion that deleted the Coconut Road interchange study from the 2030 Plan and the Transportation Improvement Plan.

This vote was required because the previous vote was held without committee input and public hearing.

■ **VOTE 2**

Unanimous vote to delete the project development and environment study and preliminary engineering from the Interchange Justification Report.

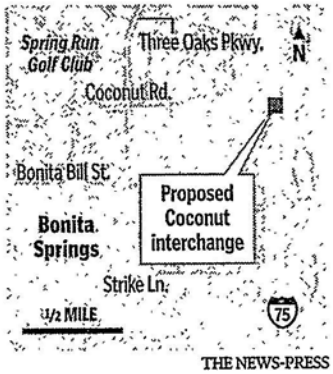
■ **VOTE 3**

Voted 6-5 to take out the Coconut Road Interchange Justification Report from the MPO's Transportation Improvement Plan.

For:
Ray Judah, county commissioner
Brian Bigelow, county commissioner
Bob Janes, county commissioner
Alex Lepera, Cape councilwoman
William Shenko Jr., Fort Myers Beach councilman
Carla Johnston, Sanibel vice-mayor

Against:
Tammy Hall, county commissioner
Eric Feichthaler, Cape mayor
Dolores Bertolini, Cape councilwoman
Richard Stevens, Cape councilman
Ben Nelson, Bonita councilman

Absent:
Frank Mann, county commissioner
Jim Humphrey, Fort Myers mayor
Randy Henderson, Fort Myers councilman
Mike Flanders, Fort Myers councilman



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The planning organization eventually voted to accept the money.

That decision was reversed last month after Sanibel resident Darla Letourneau found the designation for the $10 million was changed from I-75 widening to the Coconut interchange after the federal highway bill was passed in the House and Senate.

Letourneau was a deputy assistant secretary with the U.S. Department of Labor during the Clinton administration, and looked into the issue as favor to Sanibel's Johnston.

Agripartners issued an opposing report Thursday stating the $10 million can only be used to study whether the Coconut interchange is needed.

The interchange vote came up again Friday because the planning group failed to follow procedure and failed to advertise its vote and take input from its advisory boards, jeopardizing future federal road dollars.

The board also intends to pull the interchange study from the 2030 long-range transportation plan, but revisions to that plan require a lengthier process.

"I may never forgive Congressman Young for butting into our business," said board member Alex Lepera, a Cape Coral council member.

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Lobbyists push Coconut project

Letter writer has ties with developer of land east of I-75

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The push to keep $10 million designated for a Coconut Road interchange involves Washington lobbyists with ties to a local developer who would benefit from the project.

Regional road planners are set to review the Estero interchange project Friday, and discussion is almost sure to include a letter Patrick Reilly sent last month to Florida Gulf Coast University.

His letter insists the $10 million designated for the interchange cannot be used toward widening Interstate 75 — even though an investigation suggests the money originally was intended for I-75, the only interstate in the area. The designation was changed after the House and Senate approved it as part of the federal highway bill.

Reilly is a registered lobbyist and lawyer who represents Potomac Partners, the Washington lobbying firm that has done work for FGCU and Daniel Aronoff, according to federal records. Aronoff owns 4,000 acres of sensitive wetlands east of the proposed interchange — which would jump in value with interstate access — and was one of the power brokers behind a 2005 fundraiser in Estero that generated $40,000 for U.S. Rep. Don Young, R-Alaska.

Young was chair of the House Transportation Committee, which decides how road money is spent. A federal investigation is under way to determine how the designation was changed for the $10 million.

Reilly's letter is the latest chapter in a story that has caused two years of contentious debate here and raised questions about federal corruption.

"This is just another attempt to obfuscate the facts and steer us into making a decision that's not completely in the public interest," said Commissioner Bob Janes, referring to the letter.

Janes is one of 15 members on the county's Metropolitan Planning Organization board, along with the four other commissioners and representatives from Lee's five cities. They decide regional road issues.

Proponents of the Coconut interchange have said it has

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been discussed since the 1980s and that it will relieve traffic on Bonita Beach and Corkscrew roads, both traveled by 30,000 cars a day near the interstate, according to county counts.

Joe Shepard, FGCU's vice president of administrative services, has supported an interchange because it could be the site of a transportation management center. The center would use modern technology to study traffic patterns and warn drivers of congestion while it provides a learning opportunity for students.

"But our No. 1 priority is I-75," Shepard said.

And the letter?

"There's no conflict of interest from us," Shepard said. "We're no longer a client of Potomac Partners."

Attempts to reach Aronoff or one of his business partners through spokeswoman Liz Hirst Friday were unsuccessful.

Two phone calls to Reilly's office were not returned Friday.

Interchange opponents have accused Aronoff of using campaign cash to sway Young, who already is embroiled in controversy for his ties to lobbyist Jack Abramoff and VECO, the oil conglomerate under investigation for influencing Alaska's Republican Party.

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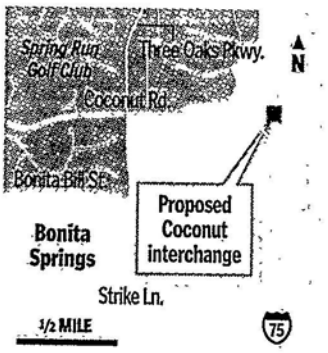
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The interchange is coming up again Friday because the planning group failed to follow procedure and failed to advertise its vote and take input from its advisory boards, jeopardizing future federal road dollars.

As local officials work to fix that, Congress could be making its own corrections.

Democrat Bill Nelson and Republican Mel Martinez, the U.S. senators from Florida, vowed to steer back the money toward the widening of I-75 after learning about the questionable change to the highway bill. U.S. Rep. Connie Mack IV, R-Fort Myers, also has joined the effort.



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Synopsis: Contact with FBI SA [redacted]

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Recently, [redacted] by the name of [redacted] stated that [redacted] messed up the Coconut Road Exchange language in the transportation bill. According to [redacted] changed the language in the bill after it was passed by both congressional bodies. b6 -3, 5 b7C -3, 5

Members of SA [redacted] squad interviewed [redacted] but not specifically about the Coconut Road Interchange earmark. [redacted] can be approached for another interview at a future date.

SA [redacted] advised that he would attempt to arrange a date for interview of [redacted] and would attempt to ascertain other individuals who would have knowledge of the Coconut Road Exchange earmark. An attempt will me made to conduct these interviews in October 2007. b6 -1, 3 b7C -1, 3

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Inquiry into I-75 funding sought

Senator vows to hold up legislation altering '05 bill

BY EUN KYUNG KIM
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WASHINGTON — A Republican senator and frequent critic of pork-barrel spending called for an investigation Tuesday into $10 million promised for a highway interchange in Estero, a request that had been sought by an Alaskan lawmaker.

Sen. Tom Coburn, R-Okla., pledged to hold up any legislation that would correct the 2005 highway spending bill that housed the $10 million designated for a Coconut Road interchange. The money was originally promised for Interstate 75 widening work.

The Coconut project would provide access to 4,000 acres that Naples developer Daniel Aronoff owns. Aronoff was one of the power brokers at a February 2005 fundraiser that generated more than $40,000 for U.S. Rep. Don Young, R-Alaska, who chaired the House Transportation Committee at the time.

In his letter to the Senate Republican leader, Coburn asked for a "full and open investigation" into the matter. "Those who perverted and distorted the explicit will of the U.S. Congress" must be held accountable, he said.

"It's good in the sense that it calls attention to the issue at a time when Congress has an opportunity and is likely to move ahead on something,"

The addition of the $10 million for an interchange surprised local leaders and created a firestorm of controversy that made national headlines.

The Metropolitan Planning Organization, made up of county commissioners and representatives of Lee's cities, voted 6-5 in September to pull the study from its long-term road plan. The group wanted the money to be returned to the federal budget so it could be used for widening the interstate.

"This distinguishes (the Coconut Road interchange) from other earmarks because of the way it was

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Young's legal fees mount

FINANCE STATEMENT: Report says Alaska congressman paid $854,035 for lawyers in 2007; why is unknown.

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WASHINGTON -- Over the course of 2007, U.S. Rep. Don Young's re-election campaign spent $854,035 on legal fees, according to a new report filed on Thursday. And Alaska's lone congressman still isn't saying what the lawyers are doing for the money.

Meanwhile, three of Young's challengers in this year's elections -- Democrats Diane Benson and Ethan Berkowitz, and Republican Gabrielle LeDoux -- appear to have raised more money in campaign contributions than Young in the last three months of the year, although he still has more far more money in the bank.

Young, a Republican who has been in office since 1973, spent $407,190 on attorneys in the last three months of 2007 alone, according to his year-end campaign finance statement filed Thursday with the Federal Election Commission. Among the payments reported: $20,000 to Seattle criminal defense lawyer John Wolfe, who has represented former Alaska Senate President Ben Stevens in an ongoing probe into corruption in state politics.

Like Stevens, son of U.S. Sen. Ted Stevens, Young has not been charged with any wrongdoing. The far-reaching probe made its way to the top political leaders in Alaska, including the elder Stevens. FBI and IRS agents raided the U.S. senator's home in Girdwood last summer as part of an investigation into renovations overseen in 2000 by former Veco CEO Bill Allen. Allen, a major political fundraiser, pleaded guilty to bribing state lawmakers and was a witness in the ongoing corruption investigation. Veco executives have been, by far, the largest single corporate source of campaign contributions to Young since he's been in office.

Young's campaign spokesman, Mike Anderson, said he couldn't comment on what sort of legal work Young was buying with the money from his campaign account. Previously, the campaign said that Young had retained a Washington, D.C., firm for advice in connection with campaign contributions from a trucking executive under federal indictment in Wisconsin. Thursday, Anderson wouldn't elaborate.

"Mr. Young cannot comment on an ongoing investigation," Anderson said. "He's not at liberty to."

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The bulk of the Young campaign legal fees reported in the last quarter, as in previous 2007 reports, went to the Washington, D.C., firm Akin Gump Strauss Hauer. The campaign paid the firm a total of $330,619.46 in four payments between October and December, the report shows. For the year, the campaign spent more than $750,000 with the firm, the reports show.

FUND SET UP

Faced with continuing legal costs, Young earlier this month set up a legal expense fund so that his campaign cash wouldn't have to go toward lawyers. Some potential donors had said that they would like to donate to his campaign, Anderson said, but not his legal expenses. Others said they would contribute to his legal bills and not his campaign, Anderson said, so they decided to establish the fund.

The legal fund allows donors who have already contributed the maximum $4,600 allowed by law to contribute as much as $5,000 to the legal expense account. Lobbyists are barred from donating to it and Young can't actively solicit contributions, but individuals and corporations are allowed to give him money. Corporations are forbidden from donating directly to re-election campaigns, however.

Federal Election Commission rules allow public officials to spend their campaign money on attorneys, as long as the legal work is connected to the lawmaker's capacity as an officeholder.

According to filings with the FEC, Young's campaign account hovers just under $1 million, but he has an additional $238,000 in his Midnight Sun political action committee account.

Young took in just $43,850 in the final quarter of 2007, a poor showing for a once-legendary fundraiser who traveled the country picking up checks from donors when he served as chairman of the House Transportation Committee.

Anderson said the campaign is pleased with its totals.

"Those represent a lot of Alaskans who gave something because they believe in Congressman Young, and are willing to give him the benefit of the doubt," Anderson said.

But nearly all of Young's opponents fared better last quarter. The sole Republican in the race, state Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux of Kodiak, hadn't yet filed her FEC report late Thursday, but in an interview, she said that she brought in about $110,000 in three months. There was no way of independently confirming the amount.

"This is the first time in a generation that there's ever really been a congressional race in Alaska," LeDoux said. "I think the amount of money I was able to raise in just one quarter shows that there are, No. 1, a lot of people who are unhappy with Congressman

Young and, No. 2, a lot of people out there who think I have a decent chance of winning the race."

LeDoux irritated other state Republicans by holding fundraisers in Juneau during the legislative session, and they threatened to vote her out of the caucus. She announced last week that, although it was legal to raise money during the legislative session, she would hold off until it ends.

Young's leading Democratic challenger, former state House minority leader Ethan Berkowitz, has raised $124,201, but has spent little of it so far.

"We're spending some, but we're preparing for a long, expensive battle," Berkowitz said. "Don Young has a lot of money in the bank and a lot of accounts to draw on. He has a lot of resources he can deploy."

Young's 2006 general election opponent, Diane Benson, raised $52,230 in the last quarter of 2007, said her campaign manager, Jeff Leanna. He said he estimates that she has about $32,000 cash on hand. Her FEC paperwork was also not available late Thursday.

Former state Democratic Party chief Jake Metcalfe raised $31,242 and has $11,393 left in his campaign account, FEC filings show.

In the U.S. Senate race, a preliminary FEC report filed by Stevens shows that he raised $207,606 over the past three months. Stevens has $1.7 million in his campaign war chest.

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MVP Eli Manning leads last-minute drive for memorable 17-14 victory.
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Trench warfare waged off I-75

Lee commission weighs Estero culverts

BY RYAN HIRAKI
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Nick Batos was managing New York country clubs in August 1995 when water filled Bill Swinker's home, like high tide creeping up on the Gulf Coast.

The two men have never met, but they are central characters in a conflict that links Interstate 75, a Naples developer, an Alaskan congressman under federal investigation, two south Lee County communities and more than $12 million in taxpayer money.

The culvert issue comes before Lee County commissioners again today, at a management and planning meeting. Then commissioners will vote Tuesday on supporting or opposing a permit that requires the culverts — and opposition would delay a badly needed widening project on I-75.

Batos, 63, is worried that a proposal to build culverts under I-75 in Estero could drain the area's drinking water supply and flood The Brooks, a cluster of four gated communities where he lives. Water managers say the culverts are needed to prevent the same kind of flooding that came from the Imperial River and overwhelmed Swinker's Bonita Springs home more than a decade ago.

"We're not against the culverts," Batos said, "but we want it proven that they're going to be done safely and correctly."

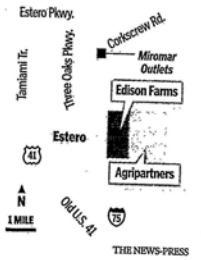
Swinker, 48, said something needs to be done.

"The water came in and rose up and was about 2 feet deep for six weeks," said Swinker, who has since moved away from the river. "We were a basin on Quinn Street."

On the surface, looking at the views of these residents, the issue seems as simple as finding the best way to prevent flooding. But it is much more complicated.

The Florida Department of

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IF YOU GO

- **What:** Lee County management and planning meeting.
- **When:** 1 p.m. today.
- **What:** Lee County Commission meeting.
- **When:** 9:30 a.m. Tuesday.
- **Where:** Both meetings held at the commission chambers, 2120 Main St., downtown Fort Myers.

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Edison fest sees the light on expansion

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CELEBRITY BUZZ

Spears to remain hospitalized 14 days

LOS ANGELES — Britney Spears got her stay in a psychiatric ward extended Sunday, as doctors decided to keep her hospitalized an additional 14 days.

Spears was to be released from UCLA Medical Center's psychiatric hospital Sunday, but doctors and a medical officer at the ward determined that she should remain.

Spears was committed Thursday for a 72-hour hold for evaluation. Paramedics, flanked by a police escort of about a dozen officers on motorcycles, in cars and a helicopter, took Spears from her home to the psychiatric hospital before dawn.

To extend her stay, hospital staff members cited a section in the state law that allows patients to be retained for medical treatment if they are found to be gravely disabled or a danger to themselves or others.

A UCLA Medical Center spokesman did not immediately return a phone message.

Court Commissioner Reva Goetz ruled the day after Spears was hospitalized — and following a year of increasingly bizarre public behavior — that she needed to have someone else take over her personal and financial affairs.

Goetz named Spears' father, James Spears, as her conservator. Goetz also named Spears father as a conservator of the pop star's estate. A court creates a conservatorship when it concludes a person no longer can care for themselves or their personal and financial affairs.

In placing Spears in one, Goetz also issued a restraining order, keeping Sam Lutfi, the pop star's friend and sometime manager, away from her.

Goetz also granted the conservator access to Spears' medical records, as well as the right to restrict her visitors and to provide her with around-the-clock security. She ordered a hearing Monday to review the matter.

Spears' current hospitalization is the second this year for the 26-year-old singer, who has been in spiral of bizarre behavior since November 2006, when she filed for divorce from Kevin Federline, the father of her sons, 1-year-old Jayden James and 2-year-old Sean Preston.

Since her breakup with Federline, Spears has been seen in short skirts and without underwear, has shaved her head bald, run over a photographer's foot with her car, left the scene of a fender bender, flogged another car with an umbrella and abandoned a car in traffic when it had a flat tire. Recently, she was seen sitting on a sidewalk, holding her pet dog and crying.

— The Associated Press

BIRD DOG

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"She approaches like a wolf. To them, she's hunting. To her, she's herding."

The Federal Aviation Administration has suggested that all airports do an updated wildlife hazard assessment. Local airport policy makers recently OK'd spending $136,450 for a

wildlife strikes resulted in one delayed flight, one delayed takeoff and three precautionary, unscheduled landings.

"Vultures probably account for most of the strikes we have," Stansifer said.

No one knows how many strikes really occur anywhere; experts believe there is significant under-reporting. What is known is that these strikes put the lives of aircraft crewmembers and their passengers at

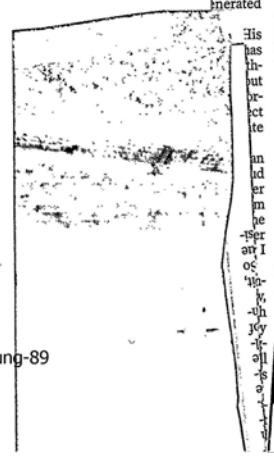
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■ **Searchable database:** Aircraft bird strikes at Southwest Florida International Airport from Jan.1, 2006, through Dec. 31, 2007.

BIRD FACTS

■ More than 5,000 bird strikes were reported by the U.S. Air Force in 2006.

■ More than 7,100 bird and other wildlife strikes



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CULVERTS

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hold up I-75 is the district's refusal to do a study" before permitting the culverts.

Water district officials in Lee County want the Florida Department of Transportation to dig the culverts under I-75 as part of a permit for the next phase of the $430 million interstate widening project, a stretch from the Lee/Collier boundary to Corkscrew Road.

The culverts, estimated at $2 million to $3 million, are proposed on a 4,000-acre property. About 90 percent of the wetlands are used for drinking water supply, water cleansing and wildlife habitat.

"You're still going to be draining the lands east of I-75," Judah said, his voice rising. "What you're doing is taking an 18th century mentality" to address this issue.

Phil Flood, the district's Southwest Florida director, said the culverts would take only excess water and flood water from the wetlands to Halfway Creek and the Estero River, to prevent a repeat of the terrible floods in 1995 in Bonita Springs.

The water would run through The Brooks, the four gated communities across the interstate from the wetlands, and residents there are concerned about flooding.

Those residents are teaming with the Conservancy of Southwest Florida to convince the district and the county to work together on a study to determine the best way to manage water flowing south. The district is proposing to do a study on its own and still require the culverts in the permit state transportation officials need to continue their progress on the widening work.

Jennifer Hecker, natural resource policy manager with the conservancy, feels the culverts should not be permitted until a study determines that they are needed and, if they are, how many are needed and how big they should be. She is planning to take a bus to the district's governing board meeting next week in West Palm Beach, to fight the permit.

Right now, there are five pipes proposed, each 5 feet wide, and Flood said they would be plugged, opened only as they are needed.

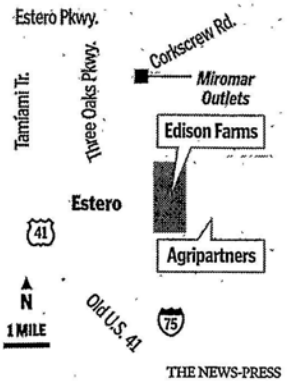
"There's been a lot done in The Brooks so they can handle" more water, he said.

This is the third big conflict the county has had with those 4,000 acres.

Just before Christmas 2005, the water district issued a permit to the land's owner, Naples developer Daniel Aronoff, to dig a four-mile canal on his property. The county challenged it, concerned that the canal would drain the wetlands, while residents in The Brooks argued that Aronoff was trying to make his property suitable for development. The issue is in court.

Earlier in 2005, county officials were surprised to find $10 million show up in a federal highway bill for a Coconut Road interchange, a project that would provide direct access to Aronoff's land and boost its value. The $10 million apparently was promised for the interchange after Congress approved the bill. And the money was designated shortly after an Estero fundraiser Aronoff attended that generated $40,000 for U.S. Rep. Don Young, R-Alaska, then the chairman of the House Transportation Committee.

That's fueled a controversy on everything involving Aronoff's land.



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Treat yourself
Millions of singles facing this romantic celebration needn't despair. Take the time to focus on pampering yourself by going out with friends, visiting a spa or relaxing at home.
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County poised to challenge culverts

Court battle could delay I-75 widening

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Lee County commissioners are leaning toward challenging a state permit that requires culverts in Estero under Interstate 75, a decision that could stall an I-75 widening project but protect nearby residents from flooding and affecting the area's drinking water supply.

The contentious culverts issue came up at a Monday meeting, and a resolution between commissioners and the South Florida Water Management District seems unlikely. Commissioners Brian Bigelow, Bob Janes, Ray Judah and Frank Mann criticized the culverts proposal, while Commissioner Tammy Hall expressed disappointment about the way the county and the district are working together.

Commissioners could decide today to challenge the permit requiring the culverts in court, which may stall the I-75 widening work for an unknown amount of time, while the water district's governing board will make a decision on the permit on Feb. 14.

"There's no question the board seems poised to challenge the permit if the district holds fast with their decision that the culverts be installed as a condition of the permit," Commissioner Ray Judah said. "What's going to

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■ **What:** Lee County commission meeting

■ **When:** 9:30 a.m. today

■ **Where:** Commission chambers, 2120 Main St., downtown Fort Myers

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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[redacted], date of birth [redacted] and Social Security Account Number [redacted] was contacted at [redacted] has a work telephone number of [redacted] and a cellular telephone number of [redacted] After being advised of the identity of the agent and the purpose of the interview, [redacted] voluntarily provided the following information:

[redacted] about a fundraiser being held for United States Representative DON YOUNG. [redacted] part of a regional group known as the SOUTHWEST FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION INITIATIVE (SWFTI). SWFTI was formed to lobby and gain the attention of state legislators when it came time to fund transportation projects in the area. [redacted] believed that if there were no presence in Tallahassee trumpeting the needs of Southwest Florida, legislators would overlook the area and provide funds to other regional delegations who expressed their needs. Since the formation of SWFTI, Southwest Florida has received significant funding from the state for highway and road improvements.

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SWFTI consists of mostly industry people in the area. The impetus for SWFTI was initiated by members of the BONITA BAY GROUP, which [redacted] Employees and executives from the BONITA BAY GROUP frequently send [redacted] information about political representatives and fundraising events in the area. [redacted] on the METROPOLITAN PLANNING & ORGANIZATION (MPO) board.

[redacted] which [redacted] asked [redacted] and others to help raise $5,000 for YOUNG. [redacted] indicated that for a donation of $500, the donor could attend a reception where United States Representatives DON YOUNG, CONNIE MACK, and MARIO DIAZ-BALART would be present. Each of these congressional members sat on the House of Representatives' transportation committee. If a donor would contribute $5,000 or bundle a group of contributors that totalled over $5,000, the donor could attend a private dinner with YOUNG, MACK, and DIAZ-BALART.

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[redacted] to YOUNG and [redacted] to the event. [redacted] expected that each person who attended would donate $500. [redacted] indicated that a donation was expected if a person attended the event. This was not abnormal when compared to other political fundraisers [redacted] attended. b6 -4, 5 b7C -4, 5

[redacted] SWFTI members were interested in trying to obtain funds to improve Interstate 75. [redacted] SWFTI members felt that the reception and dinner with YOUNG, MACK, and DIAZ-BALART was a perfect opportunity to explain the traffic problems around the area. YOUNG, who attended an event at FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY (FGCU) prior to the reception, got caught in traffic while being driven to the HYATT COCONUT POINT. [redacted] that YOUNG being tied up in traffic was a perfect example of why the area needed money to expand the infrastructure. b6 -4 b7C -4

While at the reception [redacted] met YOUNG but was not able to speak with him but for a second. [redacted] spoke with MACK a little longer, but their conversation was brief. [redacted] spoke the longest with DIAZ-BALART, who represented a district in Miami. [redacted] felt that DIAZ-BALART's presence was important as an expansion of I-75 would assist Miami as well as Southwest Florida by better allowing the flow of traffic to Miami.

There weren't many people who attended the reception at the Coconut Point Hyatt. [redacted] a few members of SWFTI attended the event. [redacted] does not remember if he met an individual named [redacted].

After the fundraiser, [redacted] SWFTI members were very pleased when they saw that the transportation bill allocated approximately $80 million for improvements and widening Interstate 75. [redacted] later learned that $10 million of those dollars had been allocated for a study for the Coconut Road Interchange. [redacted] was surprised by this because no one at SWFTI was advocating for funds to support the interchange. If the purpose for YOUNG's fundraiser had been to lobby for funds to pay for the Coconut Road Interchange, no one from SWFTI would have attended. The Coconut Road Interchange is well down the list of needed improvements for the area. SWFTI b6 -4, 5 b7C -4, 5

[redacted] specifically wanted to lobby for funds to improve and widen I-75.

[redacted] has followed news accounts of the Coconut Road Interchange controversy. [redacted] recommended that the area accept the money for the Coconut Road Interchange study after being told that they could not redirect the funds to improve and widen I-75. [redacted] believed that the MPO would spend approximately $900,000 on the study. b6 -4 b7C -4

Some local politicians suggested that the study be done for an interchange that only headed west. [redacted] indicated that this couldn't be done because a study would focus on every option to include not having an interchange at all. [redacted] believed that there was a real possibility that the study would show that the interchange was not needed. If the study actually turned out that way, [redacted] believed that they could then go back to Congress and ask them to reallocate that money to widen I-75. Since the controversy, congress has reprogrammed that money to its original intent which was to widen and improve I-75.

[redacted] thinks that SWFTI organized the fundraiser for YOUNG. [redacted] based this belief on the fact that the [redacted] of the SWFTI members. When [redacted] that [redacted] does not know if [redacted] is a member of SWFTI. [redacted] is aware that [redacted] property off of I-75 that would be impacted by the Coconut Road interchange. [redacted] property is in a DRGR zone.

[redacted] is also aware that there is current discussion to place culverts in and around the property as part of the I-75 widening project. Questions about drainage surround the project. [redacted] believes that a study should be done to see where the water will go if the culverts are placed. When I-75 was originally built, the highway caused the natural drainage flow to change from a westerly direction to south. [redacted] is not sure if the culverts will reestablish the flow of water to a westerly direction. Under the current plan, water would flow through a community known as THE BROOKS and eventually end up in a creek [redacted] knows that THE b6 -4, 5 b7C -4, 5

BROOKS drainage system has more capacity available but a study would determine the actual effects of drainage flow.

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[redacted], date of birth [redacted] and Social Security Account Numbe[redacted], was contacted at her place of employment which is located at [redacted] has a home address of [redacted] has an office telephone number of [redacted] and a cellular telephone number of [redacted] After being advised of the identity of the Agent and the purpose of the interview, [redacted] voluntarily provided the following information: b6 -4 b7C -4

[redacted] used to work for [redacted] political functions throughout the State of Florida as well as national elections.

[redacted] is a group called the SOUTHWEST FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION INITIATIVE (SWFTI). SWFTI consists of local public and private entities that are interested in procuring funds for local infrastructure projects. [redacted] Tallahassee and Washington DC to attempt to obtain funds for projects considered important by the SWFTI members. On occasion, members of SWFTI have [redacted] DC and in Tallahassee. Members of SWFTI who have traveled to DC include DAVID GRAHAM (who is now deceased) [redacted] individuals have served on SWFTI's executive committee. b6 -4, 5 b7C -4, 5

[redacted] is not a registered lobbyist. [redacted] to advocate the needs of Southwest Florida to politicians that have the potential to fund governmental projects in the area. [redacted] follows the normal process to obtain appropriations from governmental committees. SWFTI is a member based organization and [redacted] As such, [redacted] from SWFTI.

[redacted] has met with UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE DON YOUNG, the former chairman of the House Transportation Committee. The main priority for SWFTI was to

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obtain funding for the widening of Interstate 75. [redacted] SWFTI commonly referred to these capacity improvements as Lanes 5 and 6 for I-75. [redacted] believes [redacted] met with YOUNG and/or his staff approximately five or six times to discuss the areas needs. [redacted] attended a dinner with YOUNG in Washington DC. [redacted] of donations to YOUNG at that dinner. b6 -4 b7C -4

[redacted] member of SWFTI. [redacted] SWFTI meetings, but would [redacted] Sometimes, [redacted] to attend the SWFTI meetings. b6 -3, 4, 5 b7C -3, 4, 5

A relatively short time after [redacted] SWFTI, [redacted] from [redacted] UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE PORTER GOSS' office. According to [redacted] GOSS' office and making the rounds on Capitol Hill [redacted] of SWFTI and that the COCONUT ROAD INTERCHANGE off of I-75 was a high priority project for SWFTI that needed federal funding. [redacted] the COCONUT ROAD INTERCHANGE was not a priority for SWFTI and that SWFTI had no idea that [redacted] was in Washington DC.

[redacted] contacted [redacted] was essential for SWFTI to maintain a united front when advocating positions to members of congress. [redacted] that the COCONUT ROAD INTERCHANGE was not a priority for SWFTI. [redacted] that lanes 5 and 6 for I-75 were the priority for SWFTI. Once the area received funding for the capacity improvements to I-75, the members of SWFTI could turn their attention to other projects. [redacted] let time run its' course and the COCONUT ROAD INTERCHANGE would eventually be addressed by SWFTI. The COCONUT ROAD INTERCHANGE is on the long term plan for Interstate 75. [redacted]. b6 -4, 5 b7C -4, 5

[redacted] someone at UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE CONNIE MACK's office indicating that YOUNG had accepted MACK's invitation to travel to Southwest Florida. [redacted] members of SWFTI were very excited at the prospect of YOUNG's travel to the area.

[redacted] SWFTI, [redacted] mix and mingle reception for YOUNG at the HYATT COCONUT POINT in Estero, FL. [redacted] the town hall meeting at FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY [redacted] the dinner reception for YOUNG at the HYATT COCONUT POINT. [redacted] does not remember the minimum donation needed to attend the reception or the dinner but when told the amounts were $500 and $5,000 respectively [redacted] indicated that the figures sounded correct. [redacted] these figures because these kinds of receptions and dinners are a regular occurrence for political officials. [redacted] attends or is invited to receptions and dinners such as these at least once a week. [redacted] indicated that this was how business was done with politicians.

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[redacted] reception for YOUNG at the HYATT COCONUT POINT [redacted] members of SWFTI wanted to use this opportunity with YOUNG to advocate the need for additional funding to widen I-75. Seeing as how YOUNG was the chairman of the transportation committee, [redacted] [redacted] knew that YOUNG wielded tremendous power over the appropriations process. MACK and UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE MARIO DIAZ-BALART, members of the transportation committee, were also in attendance at the reception and dinner. There weren't a lot of people who attended the reception. [redacted] does not know who attended the dinner.

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Some time after the reception [redacted] learned that approximately $81 million had been budgeted in the latest transportation bill for improvements to I-75. [redacted] members of SWFTI were very pleased by the funding.

A short time after the bill passed [redacted] [redacted] who told [redacted] had found an additional $10 million in the transportation bill. [redacted] contacted MACK's office and asked about the $10 million. Staffers from MACK's office checked the bill and found the earmark. [redacted] initially thought the earmark was additional funding for improving I-75.

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[redacted] there was an article in the newspaper detailing the true use of the $10 million. [redacted] learned that the funds had been earmarked for the COCONUT ROAD INTERCHANGE. [redacted] initial thought was that [redacted] had been

able to convince someone on Capitol Hill to fund the interchange.

After the controversy over the COCONUT ROAD INTERCHANGE emerged, [redacted] wanted to find a way to keep the funds. [redacted] indicated that it was and would be hard for SWFTI to go back to representatives and ask for money when local politicians were talking about giving the money back to Congress. While capacity improvements to I-75 were SWFTI's number one priority, [redacted] was in favor of going ahead with the COCONUT ROAD INTERCHANGE STUDY if that was what they had to do to keep the money.

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[redacted] is familiar with an individual named [redacted] has nothing to do with SWFTI. [redacted] does not think that [redacted] will remember [redacted] does not recognize a company named POTOMAC PARTNERS.

Members of MACK's staff [redacted] about the COCONUT ROAD INTERCHANGE earmark [redacted] has spoken with [redacted] is not familiar with Washington affairs as [redacted]

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Since the controversy over the COCONUT ROAD INTERCHANGE broke, [redacted] NEW YORK TIMES reporter [redacted] did not return [redacted] in SWFTI. The SWFTI invoice was sent to [redacted]

[redacted] the invitation, a partial list of donors who contributed to this fundraiser as well as checks provided to SWFTI [redacted]

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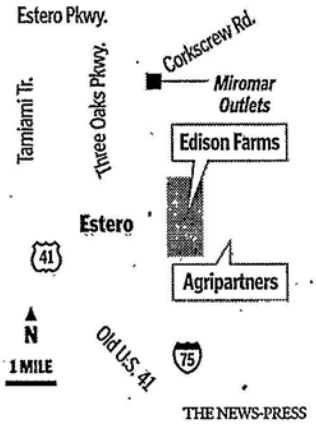
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Coconut Road interchange, a project that would have provided access from Interstate 75 to Aronoff's land and boosted its value.

Shortly before U.S. Rep. Don Young put the money for the interchange in the federal highway bill, he attended an Estero fundraiser that generated $40,000 for his campaign, and Aronoff was one of the power brokers there.

The controversy grew last year when a former Clinton administration official who lives on Sanibel found that the $10 million was originally intended for the widening of I-75, and then was changed for the interchange after Congress approved the highway bill.

Just last month, the water management district reached a compromise over culverts proposed under the interstate with county and conservancy officials, who worried that the culverts would help drain Aronoff's property, along with the canal. The culverts were part of a plan to send water west instead of south, to avoid a repeat of the August 1995 floods that plagued Bonita Springs. A new study will be done to determine if that's the best plan.



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McElwaine was pleased that the canal permit was withdrawn.

"We think that's a big victory for the environment," he said.

"We estimate the canal would have drained a thousands acres of wetlands between Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary and I-75."

■ Andrew McElwaine, Southwest Florida Conservancy

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Coconut Road funding may be probed

Senate measure seeks investigative committee

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BY EUN KYUNG KIM
The News-Press Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — The Senate plans to take up legislation next week that would open a special investigation into who inserted $10 million into a 2005 transportation bill, after its final passage, to study an interchange off of Coconut Road.

The measure would call for a special committee to investigate how the money made its way into legislation by Rep. Don Young, R-Alaska, who chaired the House transportation committee at the time.

The original bill as passed by Congress would have provided $10 million to widen Interstate 75 in Lee County. But before the legislation reached the White House, the measure instead redirected the funds for a study on adding an exit along the interstate at Coconut Road in Estero.

The exit could have opened

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up development in an environmentally sensitive area east of the interstate.

Sen. Tom Coburn, R-Okla., a staunch opponent of the practice of earmarking money for local pet projects, plans to introduce the measure as early as Monday as an amendment to a routine housekeeping bill that would restore the language of the original 2005 transportation bill.

Florida Sens. Bill Nelson, a Democrat, and Mel Martinez, a Republican, plan to co-sponsor the amendment, their spokesmen said.

"We hope a majority of senators would agree to investigate an episode that was a brazen assault against the constitutional authority of every elected member of Congress," said John Hart, Coburn's spokesman. "Changing legislation after it passes Congress calls into question the integrity of the entire legislative process."

The bill has confounded Southwest Florida lawmakers, who insist they didn't ask for the money.

But Young, who chaired the House transportation committee at the time the mysterious earmark appeared, has insisted the interchange was asked for during a 2005 town hall meeting at Florida Gulf Coast University. He also points out that Rep. Connie Mack IV also attended the gathering.

Jeff Cohen, chief of staff for the Fort Myers Republican, said that's not the point.

"At some point, after the conference report was adopted by the House and Senate — and before the president signed it — the bill was altered," Cohen said. "The only thing we asked for, and the only thing we were asked to support, in dollars, was the widening of I-75."

Cohen said Mack welcomes an investigation and hopes the Senate takes up the investigative measure quickly.

Meredith Kenny, a spokeswoman for Young, said the congressman has always supported an open earmark process.

"If Congress decides to take up the matter of this particular project, there will be no objection from Mr. Young," she said.

Steve Ellis, vice president of the Washington-based watchdog group Taxpayers for Common Sense, called Coburn's amendment "the logical next step."

"This is something that should concern all lawmakers, all Americans — that what Congress voted was not what made it to the president's desk," he said. "By adopting Senator Coburn's common sense amendment, let's get to the bottom of this and restore confidence and faith that what we approve is what turns into the law."

Sanibel Councilwoman Carla Johnston, a member of the planning organization that decides regional road issues, was one of the leading opponents of the $10 million study. She looks forward to a resolution that will designate the money toward Interstate 75 widening work.

"It will be evidence of the fact that it is possible to make something work the way Congress" intended, she said. "We've got a little ways to go yet but it's definitely a step in the right direction."

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Bill that would allow guns in car trunks at work sails through House with little debate. See page 4

Aronoff ditches Estero canal plan

Developer faced pressure from many

BY RYAN HIRAKI
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A request to dig a four-mile canal that environmentalists say threatens Lee County's drinking water supply was withdrawn Wednesday afternoon, pleasing advocates and local officials who were preparing for a court battle.

Naples developer Daniel Aronoff relented in the fight for the canal on his 4,000 acres as a show of good faith, his attorney Chris Bentley wrote, while the county studies the environmentally sensitive area that supplies drinking water, cleanses surface water and provides a habitat for the endangered Florida panther.

"I'm very appreciative and grateful," Lee Commissioner Ray Judah said. "There's been an understanding by Mr. Aronoff that waiting for the results of the study would be in the best interests of not only his land holdings but the other properties in the Estero area."

Bentley could not be reached for comment Wednesday afternoon.

The county and the Conservancy of Southwest Florida, a nonprofit environmental group, had sued the South Florida Water Management District, which issued the permit. The county and the conservancy were worried the canal would drain wetlands.

"We estimate the canal would have drained a thousands acres of wetlands between Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary and I-75," said Andrew McElwaine, the conservancy's president.

The cost of the county's and the district's lawsuits to taxpayers was unavailable Wednesday afternoon.

Doug MacLaughlin, the water management district's attorney, said only that he now will not have to prepare for a hearing in December.

Aronoff's land has become part of a national controversy after an Alaskan congressman designated $10 million for a

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Coconut Road subsidy probe stalls

Dems say Congress can't investigate itself

BY EUN KYUNG KIM
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WASHINGTON — An effort to investigate how a $10 million appropriation for a Coconut Road I-75 interchange made it into a 2005 transportation bill is running into opposition from Senate Democrats.

Those Democrats want the Justice Department, not members of Congress, to conduct the probe.

Sen. Tom Coburn, an Oklahoma Republican, introduced a measure Wednesday that would create a bicameral panel with subpoena power to investigate changes made to the 2005 bill.

The bill, as originally passed by Congress, would have provided $10 million to widen I-75 from four lanes to six lanes in Lee County. But before it reached President Bush's desk, it was changed to have the funds finance a study on adding an exit along the interstate at Coconut Road in Estero.

The change has confounded Southwest Florida lawmakers, who insist they didn't ask for the money.

Rep. Don Young, R-Alaska, was chairman of the House Transportation Committee when the bill passed. Watchdog groups have noted that a Florida developer who has held fundraisers for Young would have benefited from the Coconut Road appropriation.

Young has not said whether he was behind the change in the bill, but he has said he would welcome an investigation.

Coburn, a staunch opponent of letting lawmakers "earmark" money for local pet projects, offered his measure as an amendment to a technical corrections bill that would restore the original intent of the 2005 legislation.

The Senate may vote on the amendment today.

Several Senate Democrats, including Majority Leader Harry Reid, raised constitutional concerns about whether lawmakers in one chamber can investigate those in the other.

Sen. Barbara Boxer, the California Democrat who was handling the technical corrections bill on the Senate floor, said she supports an investigation into the insertion of the Coconut Road earmark, which she said was handled "in a very devious way."

But a congressional probe would inject politics into the issue, she argued.

"I don't want to see this whole thing collapse like a deck of cards because we did something unconstitutional," she said.

Boxer instead offered an amendment that would call for the Justice Department to conduct the probe.

Coburn said a federal probe would send a message to Americans that only the executive branch can investigate Congress.

"There's this little issue of separation of power," he said. "We have the responsibility in Congress to do what is right."

Both Florida senators, Bill Nelson, a Democrat, and Mel Martinez, a Republican, co-sponsor Coburn's amendment.

"It is absolutely critical that we pass a technical correction so that the law as it was intended by the House and the Senate be honored." Nelson said. "The question is, what about the tampering? Well, we need to find out."

He applauded Coburn for "trying to get at the bottom of who did the tampering and how did it occur, so that this kind of stuff will never happen again."



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Congress May Seek Criminal Probe of Altered Earmark

By Paul Kane
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The Senate moved yesterday toward asking the Justice Department for a criminal investigation of a $10 million legislative earmark whose provisions were mysteriously altered after Congress gave final approval to a huge 2005 highway funding bill.

In what may become the first formal request from Congress for a criminal inquiry into one of its own special projects, top Senate Democrats and Republicans have endorsed taking action in connection with the earmark that Rep. Don Young (R-Alaska), former chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, inserted into the legislation.

"It's very possible people ought to go to jail," said Sen. Barbara Boxer (D-Calif.), chairman of the Environment and Public Works Committee, which oversees highway funding.

Young's staff acknowledged yesterday that aides "corrected" the earmark just before it went to the White House for President Bush's signature, specifying that the money would go to a proposed highway interchange project on Interstate 75 near Naples, Fla. Young says the project was entirely worthy of an earmark and he welcomes any inquiry, a spokeswoman said.

"Congressman Young has always supported and welcomed an open earmark process. If Congress decides to take up the matter of this particular project, there will be no objection from Mr. Young," said Meredith Kenny, his spokeswoman. Young also sponsored a $223 million measure to build the fabled "Bridge to Nowhere" in Alaska, a project that was killed in 2005 after it sparked widespread outrage.

Young's critics suggest that the motive for the I-75 provision was campaign contributions from real estate developers who own 4,000 acres of land near the proposed interchange. In February 2005, developer Daniel Aronoff hosted Young and Rep. Connie Mack (R-Fla.) at a highway safety event at Florida Gulf Coast University, followed by a fundraiser that brought in about $40,000 for Young's campaign.

The developers have been trying for several years to build on the land, whose value would increase if there were a nearby interchange for I-75, which runs east-west between the Naples area and Fort Lauderdale.

Reports about the Aronoff fundraiser for Young in the Naples News prompted inquiries from a local FBI office in 2006.

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Local planning officials, who never requested money for the interchange, were outraged to learn after the highway bill became law that they were required to spend $10 million on a project they did not want. The Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization, the recipient of the money, has rejected it three times in the past year.

Earmarks are requests to fund special projects, usually in a lawmaker's home state or congressional district. They often are used for libraries, sewers and other infrastructure, and every five years a new highway bill brings with it billions of dollars in new earmarks.

The total number and dollar value of earmarks rose sharply in the final six years of Republican rule on Capitol Hill, becoming increasingly controversial as law enforcement authorities pursued several corruption cases centered on their use. Even as their numbers shrank last year, congressional earmarks accounted for $18 billion in the federal budget.

But lawmakers and aides on both sides of the aisle could not recall Congress ever asking for a criminal investigation of an earmark.

The version of the highway bill approved by the House and Senate in the summer of 2005 mentioned only "widening and improvements" for I-75 in Collier and Lee counties in South Florida. After final passage of the measure, but before it was sent to the White House, that line item was altered to specify that the money would go to "Coconut Rd. Interchange/Lee County."

For months, no lawmaker stepped forward to say who had made the change.

"Somewhere along the way, something changed. Nobody knows for sure who did what," Sen. Tom Coburn (R-Okla.), who fought Young's bridge project three years ago, said during yesterday's debate.

Young's office accepted responsibility yesterday for the change, insisting that campaign contributions were not the motive. Rather, presentations made by Florida Gulf Coast University officials and the developers proved the case for the project, aides said.

Kenny, Young's spokeswoman, said the lawmaker always intended for the earmark to designate money to the interchange project, not generic highway improvements. So committee aides altered the bill to reflect that after the House and Senate had approved it.

"There was an error in the bill and so it was corrected," she said.

Young, who is facing his most difficult reelection campaign since he first won office in 1972, has seen his name surface in connection with other investigations. One of his former aides at the transportation committee has pleaded guilty to accepting gifts from disgraced lobbyist Jack Abramoff. And a former Alaska energy services corporate executive, who pleaded guilty last year to bribery, testified in criminal trials that part of his job was to hold annual fundraisers for Young.

Mack has disavowed any association with the earmark request, and the Florida congressional delegation has worked to place language in "technical corrections" to the highway bill that would allow Lee County to spend the $10 million on general improvements.

The corrections bill is moving through the Senate this week, but Coburn said that is not enough. He is asking for a special House-Senate task force to investigate the origin of the earmark and how it was altered without congressional approval, which could lead to a criminal referral to the Justice

Department.

"We ought to be able to investigate ourselves," he said.

However, Boxer and Senate Majority Leader Harry M. Reid (D-Nev.) have suggested that constitutional separation-of-powers issues would make it difficult for a Senate investigation of an action in the House. Instead, they have pushed for a resolution asking the Justice Department to investigate.

A Justice Department spokesman declined to comment.

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From Ted Barrett and Deirdre Walsh
CNN

WASHINGTON (CNN) -- The Senate voted Thursday to seek a federal investigation into a 2005 earmark on a highway funding bill that was altered after Congress approved the measure but before President Bush signed it.

Earmarks are requests for money by a specific legislator, usually for her or his constituency, added onto often-unrelated government spending bills.

The $10 million earmark -- originally designated for improvements to Interstate 75 in Lee and Collier Counties in Florida -- was changed to put the money into building an interchange in Lee County, an apparent violation of congressional rules.

The staff of Rep. Don Young made the changes, the Alaska Republican's spokeswoman said Tuesday, saying the staff had "fixed" a mistake in the original bill.

A proposal put forward by Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-California, to direct the Justice Department to investigate passed the Senate by a vote of 63-29.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has called on that body's ethics committee to investigate whether Young violated House rules when the change was made.

"My understanding is that Congressman Young has said that his staff did make that change after this bill had passed the House and the Senate," Pelosi said. "And it wasn't about technicalities; it was about something quite different. And so I think that is something the ethics committee should look at."

Young was chairman of the Transportation Committee and chief author of the 2005 bill, which included a clause that set aside $10 million for "widening and improvements for I-75 in Collier and Lee counties" in Florida.

But before the bill got to the president's desk for his signature, the wording of the earmark was changed, and the $10 million was redirected to build the "Coconut Road interchange I-75, Lee County."

"It was an error," said Meredith Kenny, Young's spokeswoman. "It was originally supposed to say Coconut Road, so they fixed it."

In a brief exchange with CNN as he left the House floor Wednesday, Young repeatedly said "no comment" when asked whether he had anything to do with the change to the earmark.

Democrats have long suspected that Young was responsible for the change, noting that he received $40,000 in campaign contributions as the bill was moving through Congress, from local business leaders who stood to gain from a new highway interchange at that location.

"I don't know," Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid said when asked whether he thought the contributions were a factor in Young's decision to make the change, "but that's why the Justice Department should look into it."

The Senate stopped a proposal from Sen. Tom Coburn, R-Oklahoma, to set up a special congressional committee, voting in favor 49-43 but failing to reach a 60-vote requirement to pass.

Democrats had opposed Coburn's amendment, saying it is unconstitutional for the Senate to investigate a House member.

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Many Republicans opposed Boxer's amendment, arguing that a body of Congress could not order an agency of the executive branch to conduct an investigation.

Boxer's proposal faces an uncertain future in the House, where GOP opposition is strong.

"We need to look at this, and I don't know that the Justice Department is the right place," House Minority Whip Roy Blunt said. "There are clearly problems in the mechanics of what happens with legislation here, and we ought to find out what they are."

The idea that the legislative branch is "suggesting they can direct the executive branch to do something is well beyond the Constitution," he said. "We clearly could direct the Government Accounting Office to do something or some branch of government that the Congress controls."

But Blunt acknowledged that the alteration of a bill after it has passed and before it reaches the president's desk is a problem.

"We don't want members of the staff deciding what legislation says and doesn't say after the Congress votes on it," he said.

House Minority Leader John Boehner said he supports an investigation by the House ethics committee.

"Mr. Young's office has welcomed any inquiry or examination of the earmark, and I would support that as well," he said. "I think it's in everyone's interest that we know what happened and did not happen here."

A spokeswoman for Young said Tuesday that the congressman "has always supported and welcomed an open earmark process. If Congress or the attorney general takes up this matter, then he has no objection."

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I-75 funds take step back

Justice asked to probe altered bill

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WASHINGTON — The Senate voted Thursday to restore $10 million for I-75 improvements and asked the Justice Department to investigate how that money instead was redirected to be used to study the need for a Coconut Road interchange in Estero.

The bill to restore the original intent of the 2005 appropriation won overwhelming approval by the Senate. The legislation now must be approved by the House.

Senators approved the request, 63-29, adding the measure to legislation that would correct a 2005 transportation bill mysteriously changed after final passage.

That bill, as originally passed by Congress, would have set aside $10 million to widen Interstate 75 from four to six lanes in Lee County. But the language in the bill was changed before it reached the White House to instead provide money for the interchange study.

The switch has confounded Southwest Florida lawmakers, who insist they didn't ask for the money.

The change, however, would have benefited a Southwest Florida developer who helped raise money for Rep. Don Young, an Alaska Republican and former chairman of the House transportation committee.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi on Thursday said she would support an investigation into Young's involvement.

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"I think that that's something that the ethics committee should look at," she told reporters Thursday.

In the Senate, lawmakers clashed over the best way to investigate the issue. Sen. Tom Coburn, the Oklahoma Republican who had sought an investigation for months, wanted to create a bicameral commission to handle the probe. He said involving the Department of Justice, as proposed by Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., would violate a separation of powers.

"If this earmark should be investigated by DOJ perhaps all earmarks should be investigated as well," he said.

But several Democrats expressed constitutional concerns over Coburn's proposal because it would allow one chamber of Congress to investigate the other.

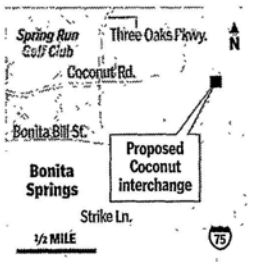
"Senators, I believe should not and cannot investigate a House member any more than House members should or could investigate a senator," said Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada.

The Senate voted 49-43 in favor of Coburn's proposal, but the measure failed to reach the "supermajority" of 60 votes, a threshold set by Boxer.

Florida Sens. Bill Nelson, a Democrat, and Mel Martinez, a Republican, co-sponsored Coburn's measure, but voted in favor of both investigative proposals.

Martinez said he found the change in Coconut Road bill "reprehensible" but said he can't be certain anything criminal occurred.

"I don't want to see this be created into some inquisition by the Justice Department, just simply get some members around a table and say, 'How did this happen? What happened here?' and let's give the people of Southwest Florida the kind of answers that they deserve," he said.



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Rep. Connie Mack IV, a Fort Myers Republican, urged his House colleagues to quickly approve the bill "so that this money can be quickly used for the I-75 widening project that is now under way in Southwest Florida."

Congress "said that we would lose the money but we said we'd get it back and it looks like it's gonna happen," said Sanibel Councilwoman Carla Johnston, one of leading supporters of designating the money to widen I-75. "I'm very proud of the (local elected officials) who voted in favor of getting this corrected to the way Congress originally voted on it and for trusting that we would be able to get the money back."

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The Road to Somewhere Shady

The Senate has taken the unusual step of proposing that the Justice Department begin a criminal investigation of a long-running Congressional embarrassment known as the Coconut Road earmark. At issue is who slipped the $10 million boondoggle back into the transportation budget after it had been rejected by Congress.

This is no minor mystery. The way precedent creeps around the Capitol, a stealthy $10 million alteration can easily be followed by one worth $100 million.

From the first, the project was classic pork — an earmark that Representative Don Young of Alaska, then the powerful G.O.P. transportation committee chairman, tailored after visiting Florida and receiving $40,000 in developers' campaign donations. Local officials objected, saying the proposed Coconut Road connection to the interstate would increase land values but abuse the environment by cutting across a valued wetland.

They requested that the $10 million go to more pressing interstate needs, an appropriation both houses finally approved. Yet, the bill arrived for President Bush's signature with the Coconut interchange miraculously substituted for what Congress approved.

After months of Congressional chagrin about earmark corruption, Mr. Young's office admitted that it may have been a staff member who altered the bill after the vote, but not to finagle it — only to somehow "correct" it. Representative Young is the porkmeister who championed the notorious Bridge to Nowhere. He remains incorrigible.

The latest transportation bill includes a high-speed rail link between Nevada casinos and California that Mr. Young sought. Yes, the rail link developers made a contribution to Mr. Young's campaign fund, and they even hired the same lobbyist involved in the Coconut Road project, according to CQ Today.

All this may strike taxpayers as an investigative slam-dunk. The Senate's call for help from the F.B.I. is commendable, but requires House concurrence. Speaker Nancy Pelosi prefers that the inquiry be assigned to the House ethics committee, a panel heretofore noted for interring, not illuminating, scandal. Both investigations should go forward. That may be what is needed to

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finally solve the mystery of Coconut Road.

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"I'll be glad when it's over. I don't like suspense," she told the audience during a commercial break.

Soon enough, Winfrey could breathe a lot easier.

Submerged in a water-filled sphere on the stage of "The Oprah Winfrey Show" during a live broadcast, Blaine held his breath for 17 minutes and 4 seconds. That bested the previous record of 16 minutes and 32 seconds, set Feb. 10 by Switzerland's Peter Colat, according to Guinness World Records.

Blaine had a smile on his face soon after his head rose above the water and he took several deep gulps of air. Within about a minute, he was able to hold a microphone and tell Winfrey, "I feel great," later adding that breaking the record was a fulfillment of "a lifelong dream."

Before his attempt, Blaine was allowed to inhale pure oxygen for up to 30 minutes, although he inhaled for only 23 minutes. A Guinness World Records judge was on hand to certify the feat.

— Associated Press

...Wednesday that Iranian policy, at the highest government level, is to help kill Americans in Iraq, the boldest pronouncement of Iranian involvement by a U.S. official to date.

Hayden made the statement in response to a student question while delivering the Landon Lecture at Kansas State University.

"It is my opinion, it is the policy of the Iranian government, approved to highest level of that government, to facilitate the killing of Americans in Iraq," Hayden said. "Just make sure there's clarity on that."

In recent weeks, U.S. officials have ratcheted up their complaints that Iran is increasing its efforts to supply weapons and training to militants in Iraq.

Military commanders in Baghdad are expected to roll out evidence of that support soon, including date stamps on newly found weapons caches showing that recently made Iranian weapons are flowing into Iraq at a steadily increasing rate.

Another senior military official said the evidence will include mortars, rockets, small arms, roadside bombs and ...caches in recent months. The official said dates on some of the weapons were well after Tehran signaled late last year that it was scaling back aid to insurgents.

Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, has said the U.S. prefers to resolve the issue through other pressures, but that it has the combat capability to strike Tehran, if necessary.

Hayden also said the recent Iraqi offensive in the southern Iraqi city of Basra should stand as a clear indication to Iraq's neighbors that it intends to be a credible force in the region. He added that such activities boost the credentials of the Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's government.

During his 40-minute lecture, Hayden said China was likely to be a political and economic competitor by the middle of the century but should not be treated as an "inevitable enemy" of the United States.

He warned, however, that China likely would be viewed as an adversary if Beijing uses its growing global influence in support of its own narrow interests at the cost of peace and economic stability.

...tive, path. If not, the ... China begins to look more adversarial," he said.

China's military buildup, which is intended both to counter U.S. military capabilities and to intimidate an independence-minded Taiwan, is as much about projecting an image of strength and "great power status" as it is to gain a tactical or strategic military advantage, he said.

"After two centuries of perceived Western hegemony, China is determined to flex its muscle," Hayden said.

He also predicted continued tension between the United States and Europe.

"It is not yet clear when or if the United States and Europe will come to share the same views of 21st-century threats — as we did for the last half of the 20th century — and then forge a common approach to security," Hayden said.

The United States considers itself a nation at war, he said.

"In much of Europe, terrorism is seen differently: primarily as an internal, law enforcement problem, and solutions are focused more narrowly on securing the homeland," Hayden said.

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controversial $10 million appropriation to study a Coconut Road interchange in Estero at the request of local residents and lawmakers following visits he made to the region in 2005.

"This project was supported by the community. It was supported by the congressman from that district," he said, never mentioning Mack by name.

But the Fort Myers Republican denied he ever supported funding the Coconut Road study "by letter, in conversation or in any other way, shape or form," said his chief of staff, Jeff Cohen.

"The only dollars that were ever sought were for the widening of I-75," he said.

At issue is a change made to a massive 2005 transportation bill after its final passage.

As originally approved, the bill would have set aside $10 million to widen Interstate 75 in Lee and Collier counties from four lanes to six. But the bill's language was changed before it reached the White House to instead provide the money for the Coconut Road study.

Young, former chairman of the House Transportation Committee, said the actual change to the 2005 bill came during the enrollment process, where the final version of a bill is prepared for the president.

Enrollment, he said, "is not a process I own or control. There are officers of the House and Senate whose job is to oversee this process."

Young said Florida Gulf Coast University sought the appropriation because an interchange at Coconut Road would help ease area traffic and provide an evacuation route during hurricanes.

Former FGCU President William Merwin still backs such a study as "a matter of public safety," he said Wednesday.

Coconut Road, which stops just west of I-75, would be extended farther inland and connected with a long-proposed northern extension of Collier's County Road 951. That extension would run behind campus, thus providing a back entrance — and emergency exit — near FGCU's new housing complex.

Merwin met Young at a February 2005 meeting held on campus and said the Alaska Republican continued to lobby for the project after he left.

But watchdog organizations have pointed out that such an interchange would have benefited a Fort Myers developer who owned thousands of acres along Coconut Road and who helped raise thousands of dollars for Young.

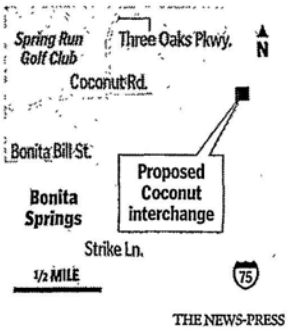
The technical corrections bill won overwhelming approval several weeks ago in the Senate, which amended the bill to require the Justice Department to investigate what happened.

Young said he voted for the bill, but he accused the Senate of "meddling in House affairs."

"If you want to welcome an investigation into the House, I will support that, but remember that is a slippery, slippery road," he said.

Young received notoriety for sponsoring legislation to create a $223 million "Bridge to Nowhere," that linked a small Alaskan town to a tiny island.

—The News-Press staff writers Ryan Lengerich and Dave Breitenstein contributed to this report.



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ie Wednesday at Wilson's Automotive and Towing. Business picked up slightly in the months ic decline at the end of last year.

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layoffs.

The slump that has sent Lee County's formerly sky-rocketing economy reeling backward has hit the small-business community hard.

About 11 percent of the county's nearly 48,000 businesses have closed or relocated, according to the Lee County Tax Collector's Office, based on responses received, thus far, to the annual tax-renewal forms mailed in August. That's nearly double what it was in 2006.

receipts — the fee paid by new businesses opening in the county — also were down by 15 percent from a year earlier.

Nationally, small businesses dominate the commercial landscape by a ratio of 99-to-1 and Lee County is no different.

But a recent poll by the National Small Business Association revealed 71 percent of the small- and mid-sized businesses have a negative outlook on the economy, unlike last year, when most business owners responded positively.

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□ Also see by the numbers **A3**

FED CUTS RATE

The Federal Reserve, after a two-day meeting, pushed the federal funds rate down to 2 percent, the lowest level since late 2004. This is the seventh rate cut since last September. The move, which was expected, sent the Dow average above 13,000. **See D1.**

FIRST QUARTER GROWTH

The U.S. economy grew at a sluggish rate of 0.6 percent over the first three months of 2008. That rate is identical to the fourth quarter of 2007, meaning the economy has been at a virtual stall for the past six months. **See D4.**

U.S. House OKs I-75 widening

BY EUN KYUNG KIM
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WASHINGTON — The lawmaker linked to a clandestine move redirecting $10 million to study an Interstate 75 interchange at Coconut Road accused Rep. Connie Mack on Wednesday of supporting the effort.

Rep. Don Young then voted to approve the bill that would restore the money for its original intent — widening the Southwest Florida highway.

"After all the accusations, rumors, about this bill, I hope this sets the record straight," the Alaska Republican said during a House floor speech leading up to the vote.

The measure, approved 358-51, now heads to President Bush for his signature.

"It's a victory because the money was going to be misused," said Lee County Commissioner Bob Janes upon hearing the funds would come back to I-75. "Every little bit helps."

Commissioner Ray Judah, who represents the district where the interchange would have been built, said "it was public interest over special interest so it is a huge victory. I have never seen anything like this."

Young said he pushed for the

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□ Also see map of area **A2**

$10 million
Cost of a study on the Interstate 75 interchange at Coconut Road.

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The House's vote on a bill that will restore the money to a project to widen Coconut Road. The measure now heads to President Bush.

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"If you want to welcome an investigation into the House, I will support that, but remember that is a slippery, slippery road."

□ Rep. Don Young, former chairman of the House Transportation Committee

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Coconut quarrel angers Mack

U.S. Rep. Connie Mack IV, R-Fort Myers, made national news this week in a confrontation with fellow House member Rep. Don Young, R-Alaska, over the infamous Coconut Road interchange.

As recounted in CQ, which covers Congress, Young told the House he did nothing improper in putting in $10 million for the intersection, which local officials said later they did not want. The interchange would have helped open up nearby land owned by a Young supporter.

"This project was asked for by the community," Young said. "It was supported by the congressman from that district."

Mack has denied he asked for the money, and tried to distance himself from the incident.

But Young's remarks in the House angered Mack, who's been known in the past to not back away from confrontation, CQ said. As the Alaskan left the House chamber, he stopped by Mack's seat. Mack rose to confront Young, and the two men engaged in a heated, face-to-face conversation, with Young pointing his finger at Mack's chest. As Young left the chamber, he turned and yelled something to Mack, who jumped up to follow before returning to his seat.

"It was a passionate discussion between passionate people" about the "entire matter," said Mack's chief of staff, Jeff Cohen.

Young, meanwhile, has made the Coconut Road issue the major feature of his official House Web site. Documents supporting "Community Support and History of the Coconut Road Interchange" are only a click away, including the agenda for a meeting Young and Mack attended where people asked for the interchange, along with photos of Mack and Young at the meeting; letters from community officials supporting the interchange, and letters from Mack telling officials in Lee County they could lose all federal road funds unless they used the money for

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Mack must explain role in I-75 bill

Congressman Don Young, R-Alaska, muddied the waters this week during his explanation of how a proposed controversial I-75 interchange study came to be.

He threw our local congressman under the bus, claimed our community always wanted the study, and rejected accusations that he hoped to benefit a single person or group. Young also denied having the power to make stealth changes to bills when he was transportation committee chairman.

This is why a federal probe must find how $10 million made it into the budget to study building an I-75 interchange off Coconut Road in Estero.

In 2005 Lee County's Metropolitan Planning Organization rejected including that interchange in its 2030 transportation plan citing other pressing needs.

In a statement last month, Rep. Connie Mack, R-Fort Myers, praised the House of Representatives for "restoring" $10 million for I-75 widening. The Senate also voted for it, raising the total to $91.1 million.

But Young, in his comments on the House floor, said I-75 widening wasn't the original intent of that $10 million — the interchange study was, and he claims Mack backed the study.

Young said Mack and he attended a town hall meeting at Florida Gulf Coast University in 2005 where the request was made. "This project was asked for by the community. It was supported by the congressman from that district, and there's letters to back that up," he said.

On his Web site, Young has a section called "Rep. Young Outlines Community Support & History Of Coconut Road Interchange."

Included is a list of news articles and letters, including ones from Mack to the MPO and former Florida Gulf Coast University President William Merwin, urging building of the interchange.

Mack urged the MPO to reconsider its decision lest the county lose future federal funding. He told Merwin that the interchange study was needed to move forward with a transportation management center the university wanted.

Mack should take this opportunity to come home to publicly address his role in this controversy. The public deserves to know the true story.

Our Editorial Board would be delighted to host him. Hopefully, he will take us up on our offer to meet — and soon.

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■ Go to the Web site of Rep. Don Young, R-Alaska, and see articles, letters and a video regarding the interchange.

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Alaska congressman defends controversial Estero interchange earmark

U.S. House passes correction to bill that would have sent $10 million for I-75 interchange study

By ELIZABETH WRIGHT

Wednesday, April 30, 2008

Traffic patterns on Corkscrew Road and Bonita Beach Road made an appearance on the floor of the U.S. House on Wednesday afternoon, but not by anyone who regularly uses those roadways.

The mention came from Rep. Don Young, R-Alaska, as he gave his reasons for taking an interest in south Lee County's transportation issues three years ago, and for why he still believes studying an interchange at Coconut Road was a "good project" that merited $10 million in federal money.

The proposed study was not welcomed by some in the area, as an interchange could open up a still relatively-isolated area of Lee County to development, and more recently, the earmark has drawn scrutiny in Congress, as the text of the appropriation changed to specify Coconut Road in between the time the House and Senate voted and the time the president signed the bill.

It was enough of a break from a bill's normal procedure that the Senate voted 88-2 last week to request a Justice Department inquiry into how the change happened.

Before a vote to approve that provision as part of a much larger technical corrections bill — a bill that would also remove Coconut Road from the 2005 legislation and redirect the $10 million to the more general purpose of widening Interstate 75 in Lee and Collier counties — Young criticized the speculation surrounding his reasons for securing funding for the interchange study.

"I have been the subject of much innuendo," he said. "These accusations have little if any connection to what occurred."

The Coconut Road interchange study was one of many specialized appropriations included in the much larger highway spending bill, Young said, and like other earmarks: "This program was asked for by the community."

The earmark appeared the same year that Young paid a visit to Southwest Florida, which he said was at the invitation of a colleague in Congress.

As for the need for an interchange study, he cited both a study by Florida Gulf Coast University on hurricane evacuation and one by the city of Bonita Springs on traffic patterns in the area and said the project could be a way to provide the area with a new "safe and effective" hurricane evacuation route.

He also said that "letters" would show that a member of the local legislative delegation also supported the interchange study.

Along with his statements on the floor, Young put a variety of documents on his Web site Wednesday, including an agenda for a town hall meeting at FGCU, which he attended in February 2005. At that meeting, the university's

then-president Bill Merwin, Rep. Connie Mack, R-Fort Myers, Rep. Mario Diaz Balart, R-Miami, and others discussed the interchange proposal.

"This was always a good project," Young said of interchange study.

It was not one he appeared fully familiar with, though. As he spoke, he mentioned I-95 instead of I-75 several times, and at one point, he misplaced Coconut Road as the one "which leads to the Florida Gulf Coast University in Bonita Springs."

The university is located in unincorporated Lee County off Ben Hill Griffin Parkway between the Corkscrew Road and Alico Road interchanges with I-75. The four-mile long Coconut Road, which passes the sprawling new Coconut Point mall and crosses the area's biggest north-south road, dead ends to the west by a resort near Estero Bay. To the east, it dead ends within a set of gated communities and does not reach the interstate.

As for taking an interest in a far-away road project, in his role as the former chair of the House committee on transportation and infrastructure, Young said he saw it as his job to travel and meet with local officials in a variety of places, not just in Alaska.

"The responsibility of the chair is to address the transportation needs of all the country," he said. "I visited as many communities as possible."

His visit to Southwest Florida in February of 2005 included a fund-raiser as well as the town hall meeting.

In his 2006 re-election bid, Young picked up contributions from about 20 individuals with addresses in Lee and Collier counties, and that 2005 fund-raiser involved some with an interest in the land east of the proposed interchange.

Among those to give money to Young's campaign during that time was Daniel Aronoff, whose Michigan company owns a large piece of land east of the interstate.

Young did not address any of that directly and did not bring up the fund-raiser on the floor. What he said: "This study funding did not go to any one person. It did not go to any one group of people."

That echoes what some in Bonita Springs have brought up recently — that efforts to lobby Young for federal transportation dollars were never a secret, and that the idea to study an interchange at Coconut Road was not invented with the altered earmark.

For Mack, one local who has claimed not to have pushed for the interchange earmark, he took the opportunity Wednesday to give his support to the technical corrections bill, praising it for redirecting the $10 million to widening I-75.

That's how the original legislation read when it was voted on in 2005, he said, and that's the version that is "best and right."

Taking the floor shortly before Young did, Mack also called the scrutiny the Coconut Road matter has received "well-deserved," but said the fact Congress was going back and making this correction now was evidence that the legislative process is working well.

As for what Young then said on the floor about local support for the interchange study, Mack's chief of staff, Jeff Cohen, said that the documents Young gave out show "unequivocally" that Mack was not involved.

Along with defending the earmark, and saying he didn't personally oversee the enrollment process for the bill, Young said he would support the Justice Department investigation that had been approved by the Senate.

But he added this caveat: he would support it so long as other members of the House didn't mind the "meddling" of the Senate in requesting it or the "slippery, slippery road" of the precedent it would set.

Rep. John Mica, R-Winter Park, was another to say he disliked the precedent, but overall, the bill was one that would make hundreds of other needed corrections to the 2005 legislation, moving along many infrastructure projects.

The House approved the full technical corrections bill later Wednesday, including the Justice Department investigation. The vote was 358-51.

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'Liar' comment cranks up Coconut Road earmark controversy

By ELIZABETH WRIGHT

Thursday, May 1, 2008

Two U.S. congressmen who spent a day touring Southwest Florida roads three years ago — sharing the same car for a drive up Interstate 75, attending the same town hall meeting at Florida Gulf Coast University and going to the same fund raising party in Estero — are now trading insults.

At issue is who deserves the blame for how and why $10 million in a 2005 federal highway bill got assigned to a Coconut Road interchange study after the $286.4 billion bill passed Congress, but before the president signed it into law.

There's now a dispute over who's telling the truth and who's ducking between Rep. Connie Mack, R-Fort Myers, the congressman who had invited a more senior house colleague to visit Lee County in February of 2005, and Rep. Don Young, R-Alaska, who took the floor of the House on Wednesday to defend his support for the Coconut Road interchange study.

Young said he backed the project because it was what people from the area told him they wanted, and those were views he heard at Mack's invitation.

"It was supported by the congressman from that district," Young said of the $10 million earmark to study a new place to access the interstate. "And there's letters to back that up."

Mack, who represents Lee County and parts of Collier and Charlotte counties, has said on many occasions that he was not involved in pushing for an earmark for Coconut Road.

Jeff Cohen, Mack's chief of staff, said Thursday that it was clear his boss was being singled out.

Young's speech to the House was "absurd" and "inaccurate," Cohen said. "Perhaps we don't just need a committee on ethical standards, but one on psychological standards as well," he added.

According to several reports, shortly after a vote in which the House approved the Senate's call for a Justice Department investigation into the altered congressional appropriation for the interchange study and redesignated the $10 million for widening I-75 in Lee and Collier counties, Mack confronted Young over the remarks.

Cohen described it as "a passionate discussion between passionate people."

Young put it differently to Alaska Public Radio Network: "He just said I was a liar. I don't understand because I've got all the letters. Pull them up on the Web site. He's running away from an issue because he's got political heat."

Among the letters and other material Young put on his Web site Wednesday were favorable statements Mack made about the interchange study — but only after the earmark appeared. Those statements, Cohen said, were in the context of Young's threats that federal road money would be blocked to the area in the future if the Coconut Road funds weren't accepted.

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And none of this is new, Cohen added, reiterating that Mack never asked for the interchange study money, nor had anyone asked him to do that.

"To the best of my knowledge, no one ever asked us to get involved in advocating," Cohen said.

But Young stands by all of his statements, said Meredith Kenny, a spokeswoman for the sole House representative from the not-so-populous state of Alaska.

She pointed to the photos of Mack at the Feb. 19, 2005 town hall meeting at FGCU, and the agenda for the meeting in which a possible interchange at Coconut Road was included among many transportation-focused items.

When Young first announced his plans to tour Southwest Florida that February, Mack had described the visit as a "tremendous opportunity" for the area in securing funding for widening I-75.

Asked how attendance at a presentation shows that Mack had agreed to push for the interchange study — something that could have opened new areas to development and that lacked universal support in the county — Kenny said there may be "no hard evidence" other than the word of those who were there, but "we stand by everything we've put out there."

Both Mack and Young were on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee in 2005, and Young was chairman. Shortly before the town hall meeting, the bill that would later include both $81 million for general Interstate 75 improvements and the Coconut Road interchange study was introduced in the House.

The fund-raiser for Young's 2006 reelection campaign, which Mack helped organize, took place in Estero the same day as the transportation meeting at the university.

In addition to their disagreement over whether Mack supported the interchange study, the two House members have also adopted differing positions on just how unusual it was to have changes introduced into a bill after Congress approved it.

Young has played down the significance of changes during what's known as the enrollment process. He pointed to other changes made to the same bill — clarifying which of six cities named Jacksonville would receive road money, for instance — and said that's needed and typical.

Mack, though, told the House Wednesday that the matter deserves scrutiny, and it's something his chief of staff emphasized in a conversation Thursday.

Whatever the "smoke and mirrors" surrounding this are, Cohen said, the issue is that the text of the earmark changed after a vote on the bill by Congress, and he brought up the House and Senate calls for a Justice Department inquiry.

"We welcome the investigation," he said.

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questions about why you put this (earmark) in," Sloan said.

As an example of the Speech and Debate clause thwarting a federal investigation, Sloan cites the case of U.S. Rep. William Jefferson of Louisiana.

In 2006, the FBI videotaped him accepting a purported bribe and found $90,000 in cash in his freezer.

A Washington, D.C., appeals court has ruled the search that turned up the money unconstitutional, citing the Speech and Debate Clause.

There are a handful of other cases in which lawyers for the U.S. House of Representatives have used the Speech and Debate Clause to fight subpoenas issued in criminal investigations.

"The House counsel certainly isn't going to let (the FBI) talk to Don Young or his staff," Sloan said.

So do members of Congress have carte blanche to do whatever they want without fear of prosecution?

Sloan says the House Ethics Committee is notorious for its tepid response to accusations against members.

The best hope that members of Congress suspected of official wrongdoing can be investigated may lie in the creation of an Office of Government Ethics, which would be part of the legislative branch of government, meaning the Speech and Debate Clause wouldn't apply. Such an office was recently formed but wasn't given subpoena power, meaning it can't compel potential targets or witnesses to testify.

In the absence of an investigative body capable of taking on Congress, the U.S. Supreme Court may have to re-examine how far the protections of the Speech and Debate Clause go. The Jefferson case or one of the other pending investigations may afford that opportunity soon, Sloan predicted. But soon in court terms could be a year or two away.

"I think Don Young is pretty safe," she said.

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Young's speech, debate

Two points about U.S. Rep. Don Young's defense last week of the Coconut Road earmark.

Point One: It provides fertile ground for federal investigators.

Point Two: Point One may not matter.

As to the first point: The defense offered by Young, an Alaska Republican who in 2005 chaired the House Transportation Committee, was confused and scattered. He on one hand argued that $10 million to study an interchange at I-75 and Coconut Road was a good project with local support and on the other hand claimed not to know exactly how it got into the 2005 highway appropriations bill.

Young's contention that Rep. Connie Mack, R-Fort Myers, and other local officials were in favor of the project isn't backed by documents he produced showing their support. Those documents are all dated after August 2005, when the bill became law. They were written in the context of an already approved earmark. Some locals, including Mack, may have argued to keep the money, rather than risk offending Young, but that in no way suggests they sought the money beforehand. Young's documentation of any such support before the bill became law is scant.

It isn't the relatively paltry $10 million that has made Coconut Road as familiar to members of Congress as Constitution Avenue.

Rather it is the way it was injected in the last moments as the House and Senate approved the measure.

On that front, Young, who had just finished explaining why the $10 million for Coconut Road was a good idea, claimed not to know how it materialized.

"As to the debate concerning the process of enrollment (where the final changes agreed to by the House and Senate are formally written before the bill is sent to the president) of this or any other legislation, that is not a process I own or control. There are offices of the House and Senate whose job it is to oversee this process. A committee chairman does not control the enrollment process."

The Department of Justice, tasked with getting to the bottom of the Coconut Road earmark, should delve into Young's dual track explanation.

But that brings us to Point Two.

A Washington, D.C., watchdog group is warning that Young and perhaps the entire Coconut Road affair will be off-limits to investigators.

The Speech and Debate Clause of the U.S. Constitution states members of Congress, "shall in all cases, except treason, felony, and breach of the peace, be privileged from arrest during their attendance at the session of their respective houses, and in going to and from the same, and for any speech or debate in either house, they shall not be questioned in any other place."

The clause has been interpreted to cover not only speech and debate, but also the preparation of legislative material, according to Melanie Sloan, executive director for Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington.

It also extends to congressional staff, so neither Young nor his staff can be questioned about the Coconut Road earmark, Sloan said.

"It makes it a very tough investigation. You can't ask any

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campaign at the same time.

Not much happened until that summer, when both houses of Congress approved the massive bill that provided money for highways, bridges, hiking trails and bike paths in all 50 states.

From our perch in the newsroom that summer, prospects didn't look good for the long-needed widening. U.S. Sen. Mel Martinez had just told the Daily News that a hoped-for $70 million for I-75 was a pipe dream. The $70 million was the amount being pushed by Mack and another rookie congressman representing Southwest Florida, U.S. Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart.

The senator said he favored the $70 million figure, but competition for federal highway dollars was stiff. Southwest Florida residents have to be realistic, Martinez said, predicting that we would be lucky to get $50 million, about half of what would be needed.

That's why we were shocked at the end of July when the $286.4 billion spending plan — approved and sent to President Bush for his signature — showed not $50 million, not $70 million, but $81.1 million for I-75 widening in Southwest Florida.

Everyone applauded. Mack and Diaz-Balart took well-deserved bows. After years of inaction, two rookie congressmen managed to bring home the bacon.

But, another surprise came a week later. There wasn't $81.1 million in the spending plan for I-75; there was $91.1 million.

Wow, another $10 million. Here's how we reported the revelation on Aug. 11, 2005:

"The funding was added 'very late' in a separate section as part of the larger $286.4 billion highway and mass transit bill that was approved by the U.S. House and Senate last month, the Southwest Florida lawmakers (Mack and Diaz-Balart) said, but until this week they did not know it existed." Mack, who was quick to take credit for the first $81.1 million, was happy about the extra $10 million, but he appeared to be as surprised as we were. He didn't take credit.

A short while later, we reported that the extra $10 million was under the title "I-75 widening," but it was specifically earmarked for an interchange at Coconut Road, a project that was not being requested by road planners nor Lee County's Metropolitan Planning Organization, which oversees highway needs.

Then, things started to unravel. A brave MPO member found that wording of the earmark truly was added very late. In fact, someone penciled it in after Congress had passed the bill, but before the president had signed it. Meanwhile, our reporters did some digging and found that among the donors to Rep. Young's campaign the previous winter were a few developers who had lots to gain if an interchange is ever built at Coconut Road.

The New York Times picked up our story and Capitol Hill watchdogs started howling.

It came to a head this past week on the House floor. Young claimed that the $10 million was not a favor to campaign donors. He said it was for a project that Mack pushed and the community supported. He said the penciled-in change to the bill specifically earmarking $10 million for Coconut Road was not criminal. It was nothing more than clerical correction, but if Congress wanted the Justice Department to investigate, he was all for it. He said he had nothing to hide.

Later, Mack confronted Young and called him a liar. This is high drama in Washington.

Who's lying? Who's telling the truth? Can someone with a pencil really change laws after they are passed by Congress?

Thank goodness the Justice Department has been invited in to sort all this out. That was our thinking until we read a news story posted Thursday on Politico, a respected news Web site.

Reporter Patrick O'Connor wrote:

"The Constitution's Speech or Debate Clause, a recent court ruling and aggressive efforts of the House general counsel make it exceedingly difficult for federal prosecutors to investigate — let alone prosecute — members of Congress or their staffs for wrongdoing that may have occurred in the legislative process."

There's good reason for that. There are three separate branches of government by design. If you have the branches continually investigating each other or jockeying to rule over the other, the nation is in trouble. But, O'Conner's story said, some critics of the way Washington works says Congress is banking on the Justice Department being hamstrung.

His story quoted Melanie Stone, executive director of Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington, warning that the House members agreed to the investigation knowing that it will go nowhere:

"It's laughable," she said. "They want the headlines, so they're going to do this. But it's an absolute farce."

We're not laughing.

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Earmark mystery deserves real probe

We suppose we should be happy now that Congress has voted to have the Justice Department investigate a 3-year-old, $10 million earmark for an interchange at Interstate 75 and Coconut Road in Estero.



Phil Lewis

The Daily News has been trying to connect all the dots since the summer of 2005. (Sure, The New York Times is being credited by the national media for breaking the story, but at least The Times has given the Daily News credit for being the first to put two and two together and ask hard questions about possible fraud, forgery and special favors.) This Justice Department investigation, approved Wednesday in the House by an overwhelming 358-51 vote, should be just what is needed, right? Maybe not, but more on that later.

First, it's important to add some perspective to the history of this controversy.

You have to think back to February 2005, when rookie U.S. Rep. Connie Mack IV invited U.S. Rep. Don Young, a power-hitting congressional veteran, to Estero and Florida Gulf Coast University to talk about roads and raise a little campaign money.

The previous fall, Mack ran for Porter Goss' vacant Southwest Florida congressional seat with strong promises to finally do something about traffic-clogged Interstate 75 between Fort Myers and Naples. During the Goss years, an interstate-widening program got some lip service but no action.

Mack was determined to get something done and Young, the chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee at the time, was the guy to do it. He held sway over a pending $286.4 billion federal highway bill.

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Mack brought Young down to meet with business and community leaders and hear — and see — how badly money was needed to widen I-75. Approximately $40,000 was raised for Young's re-election

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[redacted] date of birth [redacted] and Social Security Account Number [redacted] was contacted at [redacted] which is located at [redacted] has a cellular telephone number of [redacted]. After being advised of the identity of the Agents and the purpose of the interview, [redacted] voluntarily provided the following information: b6 -4 b7C -4

[redacted] House of Representative Transportation and Infrastructure (T&I) Committee. Congressman DON YOUNG was the Majority Chairman for the T&I Committee. [redacted] the Highways Subcommittee were responsible for drafting, writing, and negotiating all or parts of bills that would be presented to the House involving various transportation issues. [redacted]

[redacted] the SAFE, ACCOUNTABLE, FLEXIBLE, EFFICIENT TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ACT: A LEGACY FOR USERS (SAFETEA-LU), also known as the Federal Highway Bill, which was signed by President Bush in August 2005. [redacted] there were many facets of the bill that made the United States a safer place and it also contained implementations that made transportation issues in the United States more effective and efficient.

[redacted] has followed newspaper accounts involving the Federal Highway Bill. [redacted] is aware of an earmark involving the Coconut Road Interchange in Southwest Florida. Initially, this [redacted] of information from FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY (FGCU). FGCU was looking for funds to establish a center to study traffic flow in the area. Since these types of projects were considered to be Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS), it fell under the jurisdiction of [redacted] b6 -4 b7C -4

[redacted] FGCU was looking for funding for a traffic control center so that they could study traffic in and around the area. Specifically, FGCU officials were wanting to study traffic flows when a hurricane approached the area. If

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by SA [redacted] mbh Young-128 b6 -1 b7C -1 b7E -2

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this issue could be studied, then better evacuation routes and better management of transportation systems could be enhanced.

[redacted] is not sure if the [redacted] by FGCU. [redacted] not remember if the Coconut Road Interchange was part of [redacted] b6 -4 b7C -4

[redacted] earmarks that would be placed in any transportation bill had to follow a process. At some point, a letter was sent to all congressmen requesting them to fill out an electronic form indicating the transportation projects that they would like to have funded.

Once a member fills out the electronic form, the projects are downloaded to a database, [redacted] indicated there are thousands of these requests. Once the items are in the database, [redacted] scanning the requests to make sure that they meet certain eligibility requirements. All of the earmarks are required to have some involvement with highways. As an example, [redacted] that if a congressional member submitted a request for a railroad, an airport, or a boatyard, the request would be eliminated because it was not eligible for these types of funds. b6 -4 b7C -4

[redacted] did not check the requests for validity or need. They solely checked to see if the requests were eligible for funding according to the requirements of Title 23. [redacted] if the Coconut Road interchange earmark was requested by a member of Congress. The earmark would most likely be located in Section 1702 of the Federal Highway Bill.

YOUNG's transportation requests would most likely have been handled [redacted] on the Transportation Committee. [redacted] between the Transportation Committee and YOUNG's personal office. [redacted] who kept track of YOUNG's transportation requests. b6 -3, 4 b7C -3, 4

[redacted] were rarely lobbied, but when they were, it was normally done by

groups representing DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT) agencies from the different states. responsibilities, these agencies worked with to better formulate programs that were to be enacted into law by the federal government. b6 -4 b7C -4

Occasionally was a waste of time because they did not have the power to request funding. Funding for projects could only be requested by congressional members.

by the name of trying to get funds for projects. had no decision-making authority and that believes that personally dislikes because of lack of interest in projects. b6 -4, 5 b7C -4, 5

in Congressman DON YOUNG's office considers YOUNG to be a very social individual who likes to have people around him. YOUNG, who abhorred traffic, would have someone to speak with while he waited. YOUNG's office YOUNG and others YOUNG maintained a refrigerator in his office which contained different wines believed that YOUNG provided the food and wine for his guests. On some occasions, YOUNG and others would eat at the CAPITOL HILL CLUB or at TORTILLA COAST. never saw purchase anything for Congressman YOUNG. b6 -4, 5 b7C -4, 5

YOUNG and where a company known as MAGNETIC LEVITATION (MAGLEV). Since this project was an ITS, it would not be abnormal for a high funding amount for MAGLEV that thought was unrealistic. MAGLEV was funded in the Federal Highway Bill, the

MAGLEV project did not receive the amount of money that was originally seeking.

where the Coconut Road interchange was discussed. is not for sure for the Coconut Road interchange, but he believes that probably did.

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Approximately one year after the passage of the Federal Highway Bill in 2005, the METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) in Southwest Florida was looking to reprogram the money for the Coconut Road interchange to a different project. letter that was to be issued by Congressman DON YOUNG's personal office to the MPO.

the letter was being the letter the letter was The letter had political implications, as it implied that there would be consequences to the MPO if they did not abide by the earmark. The consequence could ultimately lead to a retraction of the monies provided by the earmark.

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this interpretation was inaccurate. The money would not be automatically retracted. Rather, the money would sit there unable to be used until the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), along with the MPO, began the study for the Coconut Road interchange. Congress could look to amend the bill or pass a technical corrections bill which could remove the funds, but unless they did that, the money would sit there.

the letter and to YOUNG's personnel.

also considered the letter to be inappropriate. Since the letter did not come in what the letter stated. remarks and analysis were taken into consideration because the final letter sent to the MPO was different than the original letter

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The letter sent to the MPO was issued by the personal office of Congressman DON YOUNG. [redacted] the letter should have never been sent to the MPO.

It was not abnormal for a congressional member [redacted] letter that was to be issued from the member's personal office. [redacted] and most congressional members rely on [redacted] when people ask about technical requirements. b6 -4 b7C -4

Once a bill such as the Federal Highway Bill is issued, thousands of people are scanning the bill to see if their projects were included. In this process, it is not uncommon to find errors in the bill. The Federal Highway Bill was no exception. [redacted] number of errors that were caught after the bill passed.

One such group who looked through the Federal Highway Bill were the enrollment clerks [redacted] the enrollment process as being a means to clean up a bill prior to submitting it to the President. Once a bill has been given to the enrollment clerks, it is no longer in the possession of the House or Senate. The enrollment clerks are independent parties who do not answer to Democrats or Republicans.

Enrollment clerks scan the bill looking for various mistakes to include punctuation and procedural errors. Enrollment clerks also scan the document to make sure that references to code sections are accurate.

Other members, lobbyists, and interested citizens also scan the bill and find errors that the enrollment technicians are unable to recognize. As an example [redacted] an earmark could state something to the effect that certain funds are designated for Route 120 in Idaho. A knowledgeable person who looks at the bill may recognize that there is no Route 120 in Idaho and the earmark should have read Route 121. b6 -3, 4 b7C -3, 4

In this instance, a member would then submit a change request to the parliamentarian, [redacted] for the Transportation Committee, [redacted] parliamentarian [redacted] would keep a running list of errors received from the Members. Once the list seemed to be complete,

the full Transportation Committee members, both Democrats and Republicans, would have to meet and agree to the list of error requests. This was not an easy process as members of both parties were very vociferous in their arguments. When the list was finally approved by the full committee, the parliamentarian would forward the list to the enrollment clerks. b6 -3, 4 b7C -3, 4

Likewise, when enrollment clerks found an error, they notified the parliamentarian [redacted] would run the error by the Transportation Committee, who would decide if it was a true error. Once the Committee determined it was a true error, the parliamentarian would advise the enrolling clerks of the approved changes.

The enrollment clerks would then apply a question to the proposed changes to determine if the language in the bill should be changed. The question is, "Does the change follow congressional intent?" If the enrollment clerks felt that the change did follow intent, then the correction would be made.

If the enrollment clerks found that the change did not match congressional intent, a technical change bill would have to be created. This bill would then have to be passed by both the House and Senate in order to be legally amended. The vote for the technical change to the Coconut Road interchange project reprogramming the funds to the original wording in the Federal Highway Bill takes place tomorrow.

[redacted] likely that someone from YOUNG's office submitted an error notification to the parliamentarian concerning the Coconut Road interchange language. [redacted] looked through the Federal Highway Bill, but they were looking for errors in the program administration area.

[redacted] does not believe that the change in the wording from widening and improving Interstate 75 to study for Coconut Road interchange represented a material change. The change in wording happens all of the time. Members frequently change the name of their projects. In addition, the amount of money requested was not altered. The change amendment was also authorized by a bipartisan group. [redacted] it was unlikely that the members of the committee who approved the change were aware that the [redacted] b6 -4, 5 b7C -4, 5

asked why were members of congress so upset with the alteration in the Federal Highway Bill if it had happened previously. did not have an answer to why other congressional members were upset on this occasion. b6 -4, 5 b7C -4, 5

nothing to do with changing the wording in the Coconut Road earmark. no specific information on how or why the Coconut Road provision was changed.

does not know how someone, including Congressman YOUNG, could contact an enrolling clerk and request a change. All change requests must come from the parliamentarian.

familiar with the term "Alaskan Mafia". the phrase was a term of endearment and was used as a reference to the Alaskan congressional delegation, which included TED STEVENS and LISA MURKOWSKI. Alaskans as very proud people. did not understand the pride until

the 2002 congressional delegation the state of Alaska is a very different place and that members of Congress typically do not get a chance to visit Alaska in their normal course of business because of the distance. YOUNG initiated the congressional delegation trips to Alaska to provide Members of Congress with an opportunity to see the transportation infrastructure needs of Alaska first hand. On the 2002 trip to Alaska, visited various places of Alaska. b6 -4 b7C -4

a fishing tournament in Seward. fishing in Seward, Alaska, as it included recreational fishing for staffers and Members of Congress, as well as for lobbyists and businesspeople. did he know who paid for the charter boats and the fishing gear. the fishing may have been paid by YOUNG's campaign, but was not

sure. asked if it was permissible to engage in campaign activity on official travel. did not know and opined that could have been a free personal day. However, advised that he did not know who paid for the fishing and never asked.

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during the congressional delegation trip in 2002. was not sure if the group fished on any other day, but stated that it was quite possible. "PIG ROAST" campaign event for YOUNG train ride from Seward to Anchorage, which he also believed was a campaign event.

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[redacted] and telephone number [redacted] was interviewed at [redacted] After being advised as to the identity of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information: b6 -3, 4, 5 b7C -3, 4, 5

[redacted] was asked about LANDON DEVELOPMENT GROUP (LANDON), and [redacted] their lobbying efforts to secure funding for an interchange at Interstate 75 (I-75) and Coconut Road in Southwest Florida. LANDON [redacted] and was a lobbying client of [redacted] explained that shortly after the Federal Highway bill was passed (approximately forty eight hours) by the United States House of Representative and Senate in March 2005 [redacted] received a phone call from [redacted] regarding language in the bill. At the time, [redacted] because the specific language regarding the Coconut Road Interchange was not in the bill, and did not reflect what [redacted]

[redacted] the Highway Subcommittee, to see what could be done. [redacted] were not on good speaking terms. [redacted] because the earmark he requested was not accurately reflected in the bill. [redacted] and asked what the language was suppose to say. [redacted] that he would get the language [redacted] received the language from [redacted] the language to [redacted] did not have a copy [redacted] and did not believe [redacted] After [redacted] had no other involvement in securing the earmark. [redacted] explained that it was an [redacted]. b6 -3, 4, 5 b7C -3, 4, 5

After making the phone call [redacted]

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by SA [redacted] Young-136 b6 -1 b7C -1 b7E -2

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effort. advised that would be compensated. wanted but it did not work out, as and could not agree on a contract b6 -4, 5 b7C -4, 5 was not willing to enter into that contract.

insisted that would be compensated met with disclosed the situation to and advised that there was the potential that could possibly be compensated for told not to worry about it explained that the situation was not uncommon, and happens all the time of Capitol Hill.

Sometime that year, after made the phone call received a check in the mail for took the check, deposited it into bank account, and paid taxes on the income. advised that he did not give any of the monies Committee. did not tell anybody about the does not believe he contacted or for the payment.

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was asked why he did not file a Lobbying Disclosure Form with the U.S. Senate for the work he did on checked the lobbying disclosure rules, and because it was an was not required to file a lobbying disclosure form.

advised that other than the phone call effort to secure the earmark did not contact CONGRESSMAN DONALD YOUNG regarding the earmark, and did not "brow beat" any staffer regarding the language. that the language was changed after he read the final version of the Highway Bill. It was understanding that language in the bill can change between the time a bill is passed and is signed by the President. There is a process to correct any errors that appear in the bill. Errors or changes are brought to the attention of the enrolling clerk, and the enrolling clerk determines if a requested change is substantive or grammatical. Grammatical corrections do not need to approved by the House and Senate.

unaware of how the language regarding the Coconut earmark was changed, but believes that the correction must have originated with the House Transportation & Infrastructure staff. requested the change in the bill. b6 -3, 4 b7C -3, 4

the Coconut Road interchange while the Highway Subcommittee.

that it was a combination project, as it involved an Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) sponsored by FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY (FGCU). YOUNG was aware and supported the project. b6 -4, 5 b7C -4, 5

August 2004 during the Congressional Delegation (CODEL) trip to Alaska.

provided strategic advice on how projects get into the Federal Highway Bill.

question posed was if he had information regarding the Coconut Road interchange,

he did not believe the topic was that important as the interviewing agent had asked questions regarding many topics. the interviewing agents that he was now being totally forthcoming and was not withholding any information. b6 -4, 5 b7C -4, 5

SAVANNAH DHU

was asked about hunting trips that YOUNG took to SAVANNAH DHU (SD). understood SAVANNAH DHU (SD) to be a hunting lodge in Upstate New York. advised that YOUNG hunted at SD on approximately five occasions. believed the trips were hunting trips. SD donated hunting trips to the ALASKA SEA LIFE CENTER (ASLC).

not know if the ASLC trip included YOUNG's presence on the hunting trip.

[redacted] SD in 2004 for a Transportation Summit/Retreat, [redacted] never received any paperwork or a schedule regarding the Transportation Summit. [redacted] did not know if the meetings ever took place.

[redacted] went hunting at SD. [redacted] assumed that [redacted] paid for the trip to hunt at SD. b6 -3, 4 b7C -3, 4

[redacted] was asked about other hunting trips that YOUNG attended. [redacted] was aware that YOUNG went hunting every year in Texas and in Montana. [redacted] did not know who hosted those hunting trips.

[redacted] was asked about a hunting trip that YOUNG took to New Mexico. [redacted] was unaware of the trip.

[redacted] was asked if he was aware if YOUNG's [redacted] was unaware of [redacted] b6 -3, 4, 5 b7C -3, 4, 5

[redacted] was asked about [redacted] was aware that YOUNG golfed regularly [redacted] at the ARMY NAVY COUNTRY CLUB (ANCC). [redacted] did not know who paid for golf. [redacted] YOUNG on client issues.

[redacted] was asked about [redacted] going to a World Series game in 2003. [redacted] does not recall [redacted] going to a World Series game, [redacted] distributed tickets on [redacted]

[redacted] MAGLEV, [redacted] from Nevada. When [redacted] DUTKO, [redacted] brought [redacted] for MAGLEV.

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Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 04/23/2009

To: Tampa

From: Tampa
FMRA
Contact: SA [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted] mbh

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Case ID #: 58C-TP-70141 (Pending)

Title: Congressman Don Young;
Et Al;
PC

Synopsis: Contact with WFO SA [redacted]

Details: For information of the file, the writer contacted WFO SA [redacted] in regards to the captioned case. SA [redacted] advised that the assistant United States attorney handling this matter in the Public Integrity Section had been [redacted]

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However, Department of Justice officials have put a [redacted] it is anticipated that SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] will travel to [redacted] to conduct an interview of [redacted]

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Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 04/28/2009

To: Tampa

From: Tampa
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Contact: SA [redacted]

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Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted] mbh

Case ID #: 58C-TP-70141 (Pending)

Title: Congressman Don Young;
Et Al;
PC

Synopsis: Anonymous contact.

Details: For information of the file [redacted] contacted the writer and indicated that [redacted] congressman Mario Diaz-Balart. According to this [redacted] number of conversations with Diaz-Balart in which the Coconut Road Interchange was discussed. [redacted]

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Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 07/08/2009

To: Washington Field **Attn:** SSA [redacted]

From: Tampa
FMRA
Contact: SA [redacted] b6 -1 b7C -1

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted] mbh

Case ID #: 58C-TP-70141 (Pending)

Title: Congressman Don Young;
Et Al;
PC

Synopsis: To request authority to travel to Washington D.C.

Details: For information of the file, Special Agent (SA) [redacted] WFO, advised that [redacted] has agreed to subject to an interview by FBI Agents. [redacted] Assistant United States Attorney in the Department of Justice Public Integrity Section.

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SA [redacted] would travel to Washington D.C. on July 22, 2009 and return on July 24, 2009 if travel is approved.

Washington Field Supervisory Special Agent [redacted] concurs with SA [redacted] travel to Washington, D.C.

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To: Washington Field Attn: SSA [redacted]
From: Tampa
Re: 58C-TP-70141, 07/08/2009

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AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 07/27/2009

[redacted] Date of Birth (DOB) [redacted] Social Security Number (SSN) [redacted] home address [redacted] and cellular telephone number [redacted] was interviewed at the offices of DEPARTMENT of JUSTICE - PUBLIC INTEGRITY SECTION (DOJ-PIS) in Washington, D.C. b6 -3, 4, 5 b7C -3, 4, 5 b7D -1 Present for the interview were [redacted] Present from DOJ-PIS were Trial Attorney [redacted] and DOJ [redacted] After being advised as to the identity of the interviewing agents and DOJ attorneys, [redacted] provided the following information:

[redacted]

[redacted] primary focus is to acquire real estate, and develop the property to make it available for residential and commercial development. [redacted] b6 -4, 5 b7C -4, 5 b7D -1 buy land, obtain the public approvals to develop the land, and develop the underground infrastructure (water and electrical lines). [redacted] sell or lease the land to manufacturers to build residential or commercial property. [redacted] is also involved in the creation of wetlands and mitigation banks in Florida. [redacted]

[redacted] approximately 4,000 acres of undeveloped land east of Interstate 75 (I-75), between Corkscrew and Coconut Roads. This land is [redacted]

Investigation on 7/23/2009 at Washington, D.C.

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[redacted] The land was purchased when I-75 was being built, [redacted]

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[redacted] transportation advocacy group known as the SOUTHWEST FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION INITIATIVE (SWFTI). SWFTI is a private sector group formed by large property owners to advocate local transportation issues to the public sector. SWFTI lobbies legislators in an effort to bring transportation dollars to the region. [redacted] SWFTI Executive Committee Members included BONITA BAY GROUP, WCI INTERNATIONAL, the [redacted] and the SIMON PROPERTY GROUP. [redacted] Members of the SWFTI Executive Committee met on a monthly basis to discuss transportation issues.

[redacted] that a proposed Interchange at I-75 and Coconut Road was in the future plan of the FLORIDA DEPARTMENT of TRANSPORTATION (FDOT). [redacted]

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[redacted] trying to research the Interchange, [redacted] SWFTI Members if they would support an Interchange at I-75 and Coconut Road. SIMON PROPERTY GROUP and WCI INTERNATIONAL supported the Interchange.

[redacted] learn more details of the proposed Interchange. [redacted] confirmed [redacted] the Interchange was part of FDOT's Master Plan for I-75. However, it would only become a focus for FDOT when they obtained funding for the widening of I-75 and completed Golden Gate Parkway. [redacted] FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY (FGCU), [redacted] had an interest in I-75. [redacted] FGCU's campus was just north of the AGRIPARTNERS Property.

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[redacted] in Washington, D.C. [redacted] gave a lecture on the federal transportation process, and explained where the monies came from, and how to get those monies. [redacted]

[redacted] FGCU [redacted] b6 -4, 5 b7C -4, 5 b7D -1 [redacted] saw the benefits of the Interchange, as the Interchange could relieve traffic congestion at FGCU, as FGCU was seeking to expand its campus. In addition, FGCU had hurricane shelters on its campus. The Interchange would improve accessibility to these hurricane shelters in times of an emergency. [redacted] FGCU would favorably participate in efforts to obtain an Interchange at I-75 and Coconut Road.

[redacted] add the Coconut Road Interchange on SWFTI's list of priority projects. [redacted] did not believe the list was ranked, as all the projects were given the same weight of importance. b6 -4, 5 b7C -4, 5 b7D -1 [redacted] Coconut Road Interchange could improve hurricane evacuation accessibility, [redacted] a public purpose to compel elected officials to support the Coconut Road Interchange. [redacted] transportation experts, and they advised that the Coconut Road Interchange could serve as a model on how to ease hurricane evacuation congestion.

[redacted] b6 -4, 5 b7C -4, 5 b7D -1 conduct a study that looked into how transportation improvements could improve hurricane safety. [redacted] an Interchange at Coconut Road would significantly reduce the loss of life in an event of a hurricane. [redacted] FGCU actually hired [redacted] for the study, and paid [redacted] fees. [redacted] FGCU [redacted] gave the study more legitimacy and effectiveness, as opposed to [redacted]

Following the initial study, [redacted] conduct a Preliminary Interchange

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Justification Report (IJR) to determine if the Coconut Road Interchange was feasible. [redacted] The Preliminary IJR concluded that the Coconut Road Interchange met and complied with all Federal Highway Requirements. The Preliminary IJR also addressed how the Interchange would impact the transportation system. The Preliminary IJR was presented to FDOT officials in Tallahassee, Florida. The report received a favorable response from the FDOT officials.

Based upon the favorable response from FDOT, the next step would have been to engage in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to conduct the Final IJR. The Final IJR is a very comprehensive study that is conducted before constructing the Interchange, but it is also very expensive. [redacted] showed people that the project was viable and had a good public purpose. Based upon that, [redacted] it was up to FDOT to order the Final IJR. [redacted] took an interest in the Interchange, and was getting up to speed on the project. [redacted] well-respected federal transportation lobbyist, with clients in Florida, that had a good reputation. [redacted] it was possible to get money through the SAFETEA-LU, also known as the Federal Highway Bill. However, [redacted] late in the game, as the bill was in the works, but that it was still possible. [redacted] the Interchange could qualify as a Project of National Significance (PNS). The PNS was a prerogative of CONGRESSMAN DONALD YOUNG, who was the Chairman of the Transportation & Infrastructure (T&I) Committee. [redacted] would need to get the support of local Congressman and YOUNG to make it happen. [redacted] YOUNG liked young people with new ideas. [redacted]

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Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) YOUNG was a big proponent and interested in ITS projects.

evaluate and develop an ITS plan for the Coconut Road Interchange. The ITS focused its efforts on the technical aspects of how to get people quickly evacuated in the event of a hurricane. b6 -4, 5 b7C -4, 5 b7D -1

collaborated with FDOT & FGCU in developing an ITS Proposal for the Coconut Road Interchange. Part of the proposal was that FGCU would develop a Transportation Engineering Command Control Center on its campus that monitored traffic during a hurricane evacuation. The Command Center would also be equipped with classrooms for teaching purposes.

was an expert in his field, and was well respected in Washington, D.C. but if it did happen, that would be something would have wanted to know about. b6 -4, 5 b7C -4, 5 b7D -1

was asked about was a hard working typically communicated to on the phone. but was a could obtain access to important people that made decisions. good at coordinating meetings with these important people. knew how to shepherd a project through a very complicated federal process.

Initially was uncomfortable was new to the process, and it was unclear In

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make political contributions for events that considered to be important. YOUNG was a big fundraiser, would not stand out to YOUNG if he just made political contributions to YOUNG. It would be important to show up to certain events.

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asked about LU YOUNG. LU YOUNG ran YOUNG's office, and described her as LU YOUNG reacted strongly to people, and could have sudden mood swings. LU YOUNG could be occasionally rude to it was important to make a good impression on LU YOUNG, as if she didn't like you, she would chase you out of the office. was not aware if gave gifts to LU YOUNG.

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NEWPORT BEACH, CALIFORNIA

In December 2003, advised that YOUNG was going to Alaska, and that there would be an opportunity with YOUNG if he agreed to they were going to be making a stop in Newport Beach, California. agreed to it because it would provide time with YOUNG.

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[redacted]

[redacted] stop in Newport Beach, California as there would be a campaign fundraiser for YOUNG. [redacted] YOUNG, and LU YOUNG to Newport Beach, California [redacted]

In Newport Beach, [redacted] FOUR SEASONS HOTEL. [redacted] campaign fundraiser at the hotel, which was held in a ballroom at the hotel. The sponsor of the event was the ORANGE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (OCTA). OCTA [redacted] did not make a contribution at the fundraiser.

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[redacted] YOUNG and LU YOUNG to Anchorage, Alaska [redacted] The YOUNG's went [redacted] and was asked about [redacted] Newport Beach, California in December 2003. [redacted] was asked about the [redacted] In reviewing the document, [redacted] YOUNG's in Newport Beach, California. Based upon reviewing [redacted] which is a [redacted] advised that he was unaware of [redacted] until he was shown the documents just prior to the interview. [redacted] was surprised by [redacted]

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[redacted]

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[redacted] successful in getting support from both FGCU and FDOT. [redacted] regarding land being donated by FGCU for a Transportation Learning Center. [redacted] not donating land to FGCU, as someone else was donating the land to FGCU.

[redacted] regarding a news release where YOUNG requested PRESIDENT BUSH to support the Federal Highway Bill. [redacted]

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[redacted] regarding campaign contributions. [redacted] advised that [redacted] would occasionally suggest campaign contributions.

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[redacted] analyze the Coconut Road Interchange.

[redacted] did not trust the SWFTI Board as several members of the

SWFTI Board, to include BONITA BAY, voiced their opposition against the Coconut Road Interchange.

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proposed at the Coconut Road Interchange. advised that the report was a product of was unsure if that was the final product or a draft report.

ALASKA SEA LIFE CENTER

the ALASKA SEA LIFE CENTER (ASLC) events in 2004 and 2005 YOUNG would be at the event, as well as other important people from the transportation world.

the ASLC was a pet project that YOUNG supported.

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events at the ASLC:

Anchorage, Alaska, event known as the "Pig Roast". The following day transported to Seward via buses. in Seward for three days, option to fish or conduct land excursions. did not know who paid for the recreational activity. contribution to the ASLC to participate in the events.

The ASLC hosted a dinner on one of the evenings in Seward. The dinner included an auction. in either, 2004 or 2005,

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[redacted] did not recall if YOUNG was associated with the trip to the lodge.

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[redacted] during the auction, LU YOUNG got up on stage, and began auctioning items for the LU YOUNG CANCER FUND.

[redacted]

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[redacted]

NAPLES FUNDRAISER - FEBRUARY 2005

In February 2005, [redacted] YOUNG was invited to Naples, Florida to attend a town hall meeting to discuss transportation issues. YOUNG was planning a longer trip, to include traveling to other cities in Florida. [redacted]

[redacted] shown a campaign fundraiser invitation [redacted] for CONGRESSMAN CONNIE MACK, honoring YOUNG, at the HYATT REGENCY COCONUT POINT & SPA, dated February 19, 2005. [redacted] no involvement in that particular fundraiser [redacted] coordinated by the SWFTI Board Members. The SWFTI Board did [redacted]

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[redacted]

[redacted] did not make the $500 contribution. The monies raised at the fundraiser were going to YOUNG. b6 -4, 5 b7C -4, 5 b7D -1

[redacted] MACK would be hosting a small VIP Event Dinner following the larger campaign event on February 19, 2005. The VIP Event would be a small campaign event that would benefit MACK. [redacted] political contributions to MACK. [redacted] The VIP Event Dinner was held at the SANIBEL STEAKHOUSE in Naples, Florida. Those attending dinner included YOUNG, LU YOUNG, [redacted] MACK, [redacted] and other contributors. [redacted]

[redacted] the town hall meeting that took place earlier on February 19, 2005. The two main topics were:

1. Benefits of Expanding I-75
2. Coconut Road Interchange/Hurricane Preparedness

[redacted] Finance & Development, as well as [redacted] were speakers at the town hall meeting. There was a good showing at the meeting, as the attendance was in the low 100's. b6 -4, 5 b7C -4, 5 b7D -1

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[redacted]

over $40,000 in political contributions for YOUNG related to the fundraiser in Naples, Florida. [redacted] and was not involved in raising funds for YOUNG. The fundraiser was coordinated by SWFTI. [redacted]

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[redacted]

the fundraiser in Naples, Florida. [redacted] he was not involved in the fundraiser.

[redacted]

the issues with YOUNG's office because [redacted] fundraising. [redacted] conclusion that YOUNG's camp had messed up the record keeping related to the event. [redacted] VIP Dinner Event for MACK.

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b7C -3, 4, 5
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[redacted]

[redacted] no gifts were given to the YOUNG's [redacted] b6 -4, 5 b7C -4, 5 b7D -1

COCONUT ROAD INTERCHANGE

[redacted] the Coconut Road Interchange could be possibly included in the Federal Highway Bill as a Project of National Significance (PNS). These projects were at the discretion of the T&I Chairman, which was YOUNG. Thus, their efforts went into finding out if the Coconut Road Interchange could meet the criteria for a being a PNS, and if it did, obtaining the support and designation from YOUNG. If YOUNG did support the designation, YOUNG would then reach out to the local Congressman, MACK, to obtain their support. b6 -4, 5 b7C -4, 5 b7D -1 b3 -1

[redacted] did not submit a Highway Request Form through MACK's office to the T&I Committee. [redacted] MACK made it known that all of his allocated funds would be used for the widening of I-75. MACK was eventually granted $81 Million for the widening of I-75. MACK supported the Coconut Road Interchange, but did not request funds for it because it would have counted against the monies going toward the widening of I-75. [redacted] Member Highway Request Form for the Coconut Road Interchange. [redacted] the Member Highway Request Form was completed [redacted] did not believe the Form was ever given to MACK to be submitted to the T&I Committee.

In March 2005, [redacted] the Projects of National Significance were negotiated in the T&I Committee, and that the Coconut Road Interchange was not included as one of the projects. [redacted] hopeful that the Interchange would be included as part of the Federal Highway Bill. In July 2005, the Federal Highway Bill was passed by the House and Senate. [redacted] reviewed the bill on the General Accountability Office (GAO) web-site to determine if the Coconut Road Interchange was in the bill. [redacted] could not locate any language [redacted] b6 -4, 5 b7C -4, 5 b7D -1

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[redacted] felt that the Interchange was in limbo. b6 -4, 5 b7C -4, 5 b7D -1

[redacted] reviewed the Final Bill, and it included the language for the Coconut Road Interchange. [redacted]

[redacted] b6 -4, 5 b7C -4, 5 b7D -1 T&I Committee, and understood the Federal Highway Bill [redacted] respected on Capitol Hill, and had a good rapport with the T&I staff. [redacted] Upon further reflection, [redacted]

[redacted] the T&I Committee [redacted] responsible for drafting the bill. [redacted] that YOUNG respected the opinion [redacted] responsible for adding the language in the Bill. [redacted] advised [redacted] name did not come up. In the Fall of 2007, after the controversy came about regarding the Coconut Road Interchange, [redacted] the Bill Enrollment process, [redacted] was trying to determine how the language was not there one minute, and was there the next minute. [redacted] did not understand the enrollment process and did not how the change came about. b6 -3, 4, 5 b7C -3, 4, 5 b7D -1

[redacted] if the Federal Highway Bill was discussed during the [redacted] did not have any discussions regarding the Federal Highway Bill with YOUNG, or his staff, at [redacted]

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[redacted]

AFTER THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY BILL PASSED

After the Federal Highway Bill passed, a split developed in Lee County, and there was strong opposition against the Interchange. Community leaders opposed the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) adopting the Interchange as part of their long-term plans. The BROOKS Residents were against the Interchange, while the BONITA SPRINGS Residents supported it. [redacted] that the rest of the county was indifferent to the Interchange. b6 -4, 5 b7C -4, 5 b7D -1

In December 21, 2005 [redacted] wrote a letter [redacted] to MACK and YOUNG, requesting that the $10 Million for the Coconut Road Interchange be re-allocated for improvements to I-75. [redacted]

[redacted] February [redacted] 2006, [redacted] regarding the Coconut Road Interchange. [redacted] was unaware and did not know why [redacted] was involved in efforts to keep the Interchange.

[redacted] April 2006, [redacted] b6 -3, 4, 5 b7C -3, 4, 5 b7D -1 b3 -1 [redacted] trying to explain to MACK's staff the reasons they should support the Interchange and that they should be respectful to YOUNG, as YOUNG supported the Interchange. [redacted]

[redacted] in May 2006, FGCU was looking to hire a Capitol Hill lobbyist. [redacted]

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[redacted]

In 2007, when the controversy broke out regarding the Interchange language in the Federal Highway Bill, [redacted] while he did not understand the enrollment process, there was no way for one person to slip something in the bill, especially when a change is contrary to the intent of Congress.

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[redacted]

[redacted] about SENATOR HARRY REID's relationship with [redacted] never brought up REID's name. [redacted] was asked about a hunting trip to New Mexico, [redacted] never discussed a trip to New Mexico. [redacted] advised that [redacted]

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[redacted] SWFTI

[redacted] the SWFTI Executive Committee was [redacted]

[redacted] if he met with PORTER GOSS in 2003, to discuss the Coconut Road Interchange [redacted] did not recall a meeting with GOSS, [redacted] SWFTI ranked the Coconut Road Interchange as their Number 1 Project. [redacted] SWFTI did not rank projects, [redacted] never made that statement. b6 -4, 5
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[redacted] asked about the cost of a Final IJR. [redacted] did not know the cost of a Final IJR, [redacted] of how much it would cost.

[redacted]

[redacted] registered lobbyist in Tallahassee, and [redacted] On the Coconut Road Interchange, [redacted] b6 -4, 5
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worked for the Lee County Department of Transportation.

[redacted] was asked about [redacted] was the former [redacted] who went to work for [redacted] full-time. [redacted] had a good reputation in Southwest Florida and was a [redacted] of the Coconut Road Interchange, and was the person that drummed up the story that [redacted] raised $40,000 for YOUNG. [redacted] Recently [redacted] has not met [redacted]

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Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 06/16/2010

To: Tampa

From: Tampa
FMRA
Contact: SA [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted] mbh

Case ID #: 58C-TP-70141 (Pending)

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Title: Representative Don Young;
Et Al;
PC

Synopsis: Conversation with SA [redacted] WFO.

Details: For information of the file, the Public Integrity Section, Department of Justice, is currently reviewing the findings of the investigation to determine if charges are merited against Congressman Young or any of his staff. SA [redacted] will notify the writer if any other information is needed as well as the results of said review.

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[redacted], date of birth [redacted] and Social Security Account Number [redacted] was contacted at his residence, which is located at [redacted] has a home telephone number of [redacted] and a cellular telephone number of [redacted] After being advised of the identity of the Agent and the purpose of the interview [redacted] voluntarily provided the following information:

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[redacted] a company called AGRIPARTNERS [redacted] AGRIPARTNERS was the listed owner of a parcel of property made up of approximately 4,000 acres. [redacted] AGRIPARTNERS, [redacted] determine if [redacted] property could be annexed into the city of Bonita Springs. [redacted] does not remember if [redacted] believes that [redacted]

[redacted] does not think that the annex was approved. At the time, Bonita Springs was a new city and people weren't sure if the city could provide the services needed for the property compared to the revenue it would produce. The property fit the stator requirements for annexation but because of the lack of resources, the property could not be annexed.

[redacted] employees of AGRIPARTNERS [redacted]

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After the failure to annex the property into Bonita Springs, [redacted] AGRIPARTNERS [redacted] Eventually, [redacted] representatives at AGRIPARTNERS to [redacted] AGRIPARTNERS. [redacted]

[redacted] AGRIPARTNERS and [redacted] was a [redacted]

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by SA [redacted] mbh Young-163

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

[redacted] lobby local government, local influential people, and the general public to support an interchange off of Interstate 75 that became known as the Coconut Road Interchange.

[redacted] to support the interchange. [redacted] local officials and attended public hearings. [redacted] meetings with [redacted] but had more contact with [redacted] interpretation of the local community's attitude towards the project and to see if anything could be done to make the interchange look more favorable. [redacted] communication with [redacted]

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[redacted] had no dealings with FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY (FGCU) [redacted] FGCU [redacted] in regards to this project. [redacted] knows both individuals. [redacted] was aware, however, that FGCU was trying to start an engineering school. Although he was not aware of the details, FGCU was trying to use funding for the Coconut Road Interchange to help them jumpstart their engineering school by lobbying for funding to start a study of Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS). [redacted] was not aware if FGCU had made any deals with [redacted]

[redacted] was aware of a political fundraiser held for CONNIE MACK and DON YOUNG, the head of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Transportation Committee. CONGRESSMAN YOUNG and MACK traveled to FGCU where a presentation was done on their behalf in support of the Coconut Road Interchange and the ITS program. [redacted] did not attend the presentation nor did he attend the political fundraiser held for CONGRESSMEN YOUNG and MACK after the FGCU presentation. [redacted] did not donate to YOUNG or MACK's campaign and was not asked to do so. The fundraiser for CONGRESSMEN YOUNG and MACK was organized by a group known as the SOUTHWEST FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION INITIATIVE (SWFTI).

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[redacted] is familiar with an individual named [redacted] a lobbyist in Tallahassee. [redacted] attended a couple of dinners with [redacted] where the Coconut Road Interchange was discussed. [redacted] was aware that AGRIPARTNERS had [redacted] for the Coconut Road Interchange project.

Eventually, the METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) in the area, rejected the Coconut Road Interchange ramp that would have directed traffic east of Interstate 75 which led to the Agripartners property. [redacted] in rejecting the Coconut Road Interchange. [redacted] never met with [redacted] in regards to the Coconut Road Interchange. [redacted] but the campaign was unsuccessful. [redacted] may have held a grudge because of this. b6 -4, 5 b7C -4, 5

[redacted] never had any conversations with [redacted] of AGRIPARTNERS about a earmark in the Federal transportation bill involving the Coconut Road Interchange. [redacted] never traveled to Washington DC [redacted] AGRIPARTNERS. [redacted] does not recognize the name of [redacted] b6 -4, 5 b7C -4, 5

[redacted] no longer [redacted] AGRIPARTNERS. [redacted] has previously done some community outreach for the Bonita BAY GROUP but is currently [redacted] [redacted] received approximately [redacted] for [redacted]

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August 17, 2010

Via certified mail, return receipt requested
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Chief Counsel
Committee on Standards of Official Conduct
United States House of Representatives
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Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: Congressman Don Young

Dear Mr. Chisam,

We write to refer to the Committee information regarding potential violations of the disclosure requirements of the Ethics in Government Act by United States Congressman Don Young. The information relates to travel and expenses associated with hunting trips taken by Congressman Young between 2001 and 2007 which were not reported on his annual financial disclosure reports.

We understand from Congressman Young's attorney, John M. Dowd, Esq., that he has previously provided the Committee with information regarding these allegations. Specifically, it is our understanding that he has provided to the Committee all documents and other materials that Congressman Young has provided to the Department of Justice during our investigation. Those materials include the following:

Please advise us if the Committee has not received any of the above-referenced items. b3 -1, Per FBI b6 -5 b7C -5

For your reference, we have enclosed a chart (Attachment A) listing the specific hunting trips and expenses that were not reported on Congressman Young's disclosure reports. In addition, we note that the FBI interviewed dozens of witnesses in connection with our

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investigation, and we are willing to make the reports of those interviews available to the Committee. We have enclosed a list of significant witnesses who were interviewed by the FBI on a voluntary basis, along with a brief description of their relationship to the conduct at issue. This is included as Attachment B.

We have concluded our investigation, and provide this information for any action or additional investigation that the Committee deems appropriate. If you have questions, or if you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 514-1412.

Sincerely,

Jack Smith
Chief
Public Integrity Section

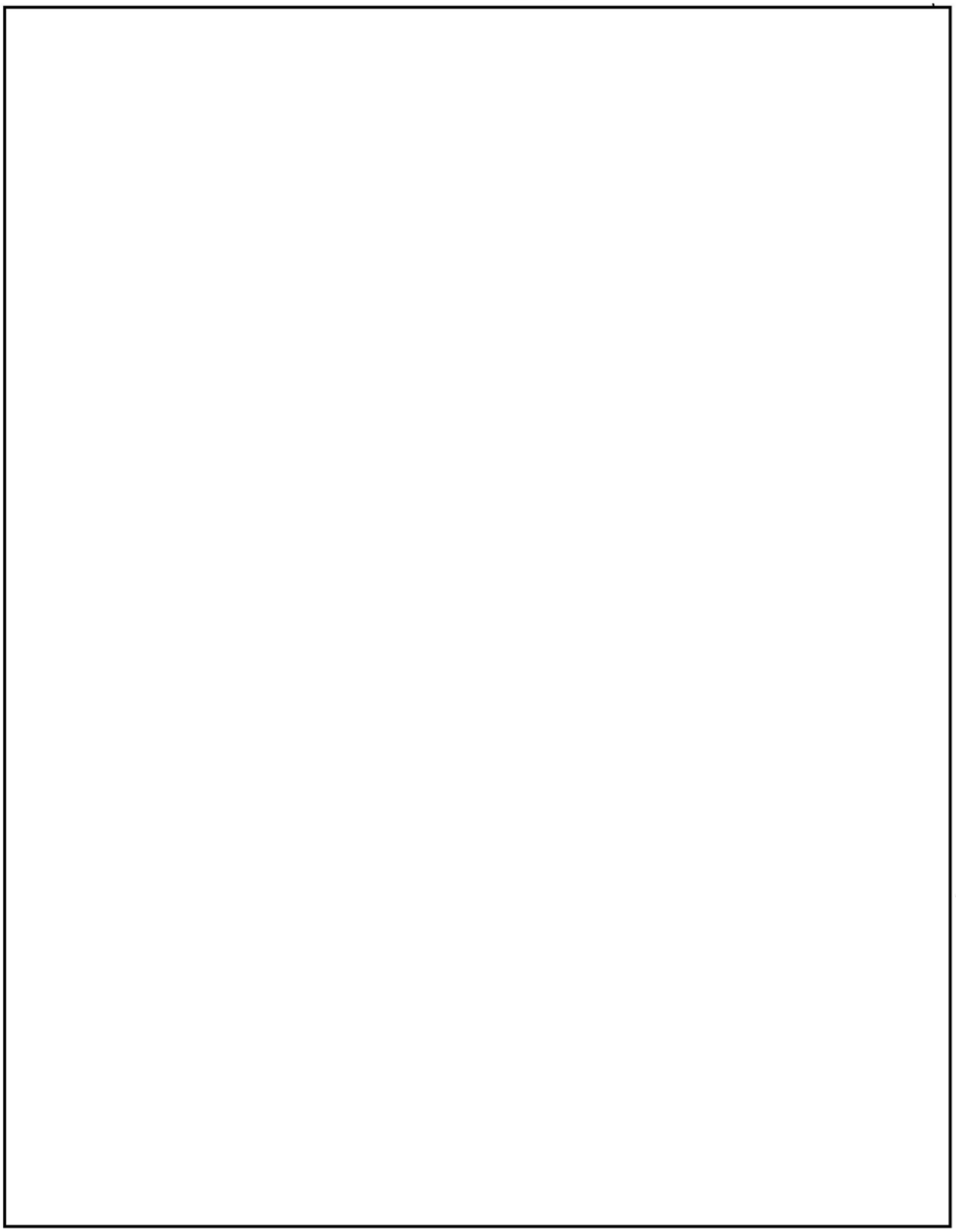
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Attachment A



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Venue	Dates	Items

Attachment B

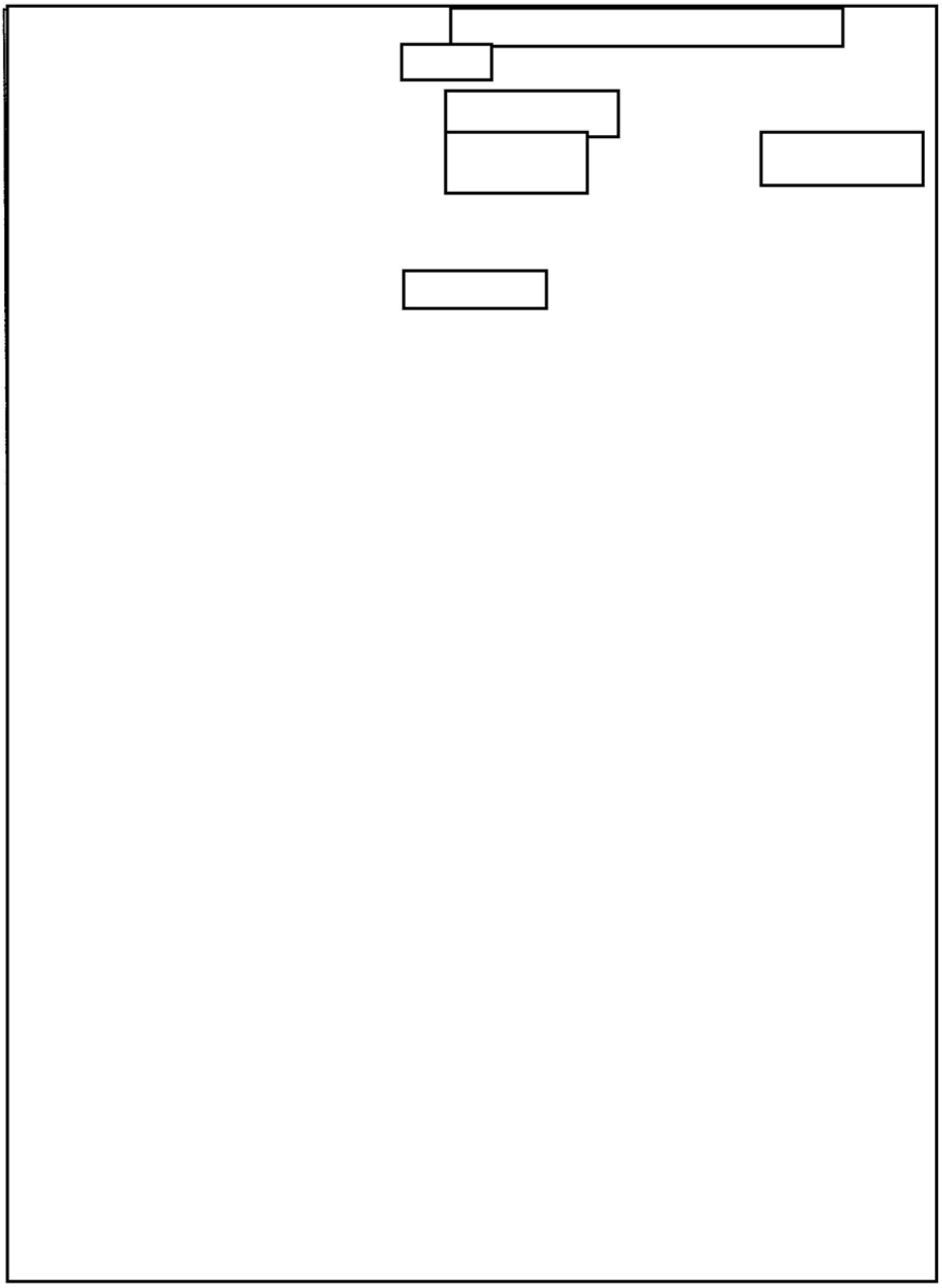
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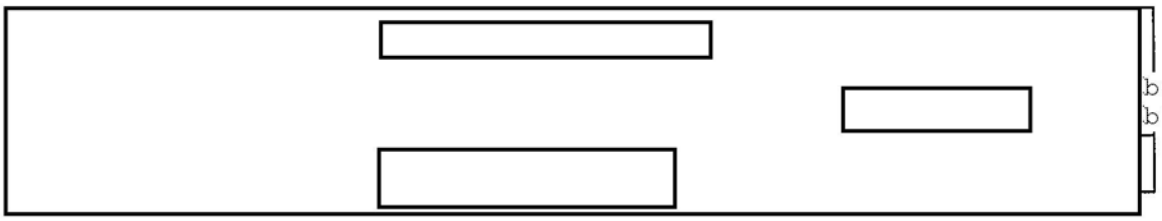
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To: Tampa

From: Tampa
FMRA
Contact: SA [redacted]

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Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted] mbh

Case ID #: 58C-TP-70141 (Closed)

Title: Congressman Don Young;
Et Al;
Corruption

Synopsis: To close case.

Details: After review by the Chief of the Public Integrity Section, Department of Justice, it was determined that there was not evidence beyond a reasonable doubt to ultimately convict Congressman Young. Instead, the FBI has forwarded a letter outlining certain actions taken by Congressman Young and will leave punishment to the discretion of the Ethics Commission. A copy of the letter sent to the Ethics Commission is incorporated into the file.

Inasmuch as the chief of the public integrity section has declined prosecution in this matter, the writer requests that the case be closed at this time.

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Case ID #: 58C-TP-70141 (Pending) - 4

Title: DONALD EDWIN YOUNG,
United States Congressman-Alaska;
[redacted]
UNSUBS;
Corruption of Fed. Pub. Officials-
Legislative Branch.

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Synopsis: To open sub-files.

Details: Request the following sub-file(s) be opened:

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Public Corruption Subprogram
Semi-Annual Program Review (SAPR)
Period Covered: 10/01/2007 - 06/30/2008
HQ Division and INSD Audit Worksheet

Elements within the SAPR are linked to the FBI's Strategy Management System (SMS), key performance measures identified by FBIHQ components, the Executive Performance Plan and Appraisal (EPPA)*, and other core guidance promulgated by FBI program managers. To the extent possible, the SAPR template identifies the applicable linkages to the information sought. SAPR data should identify actions, accomplishments, and other activities during the reporting period only. Responses should be concise and address the category directly.

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Summary: **The Polar Pen investigation has gone through several phases over the past five years and in reality is approximately 15 cases under one umbrella case; however, the primary focus of the case has been bribes and gratuities provided by VECO Corporation executives to state and federal legislators. At the state level, VECO bribed legislators to support their preferred version of a Petroleum Profits tax pending before the State Legislature in 2006. Related to this and certain other actions by VECO, we have convicted three state legislators, a lobbyist, the former governor's Chief of Staff, and have indicted two additional legislators. In addition, we recently indicted U.S. Senator Ted Stevens (R-AK) in relation to more than $250,000 in improvements to his residence paid for by VECO. Our ongoing investigation now is focused on U.S. Rep. Don Young (R-AK) for payments he received from VECO, from various lobbyists, and improper use of campaign funds for his personal benefit; former State Senate President Ben Stevens in relation to several hundred thousand dollars in payments he accepted from VECO while serving in the Senate and pushing legislation beneficial to VECO; and a cadre of VECO executives who implemented a conduit campaign scheme through which the Corporation reimbursed them for their campaign contributions. Finally, several other [redacted] indictments on them as well in the near future. Through the course of this case, Anchorage employed more than a year [redacted] Trial for Sen. Stevens is set for September 2008. This case addresses collection requirements 1. 3, 4 and 5 for Public Corruption.**

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Public Corruption - Case #2

File #	Date opened	Finished intelligence products 1	Significant statistical accomplishments 2	Sophisticated techniques 3	CHS initiated/ enhanced 4	Partnership enhanced 5
194B-AN-14910	**12/10/2007**	**0**	**-**	**Consensual Monitoring - 3**	**Initiated**	**Yes**

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Summary: **This case was part of the initial Polar Pen case but later was spun off after it began to diverge from the central Polar Pen aspect of the case.** [redacted] **funneling conduit campaign funds to an state senate candidate.** [redacted] **a former state senator, would assist his clients on siting a private prison.** [redacted] **within the coming weeks and investigation is ongoing regarding the candidate. This case addresses collection requirements I.3 and II.1.** b6 b7C

The above summary must be 1/3 of a page in size per investigation.

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D [redacted] **While not directly related, Anchorage's investigation of Rep. Don Young (R-AK) relates to** [redacted] **influence Rep. Young or the staff of the House Transportation Committee.** b6 b7A b7C

[redacted]

HQ Division Comments b7A b7E

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ALASKA ORTHOPAEDIC SPECIALISTS (AOS),
HEALTH SOUTH SURGERY CENTER;
ALLEGATIONS OF UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT
AND FALSIFICATION OF DOCUMENTS

Provide information to the file of allegations of conspiracy and corruption related to [redacted]

On 09/13/2007, information was provided to case agent regarding an individual who was [redacted] who wishes to remain anonymous at this time [redacted] from McGuire. The person is referred to as an undocumented source (U-CHS) at this time. U-CHS provided the following information: b6 b7C b7D

When [redacted] was under investigation by the FBI for corruption, McGuire believed [redacted] has an office within the Anchorage FBI [redacted] Due to [redacted] It was unknown at that time, late 2006 and early 2007, why [redacted] would have cause to be concerned about the FBI. It was also reported by a public corruption agent that once [redacted] criminal activity and the FBI investigation [redacted] appeared at the U.S. Attorney's Office with his attorney. The Assistant United States Attorneys [redacted] case were unaware of any logical reason for [redacted]

U-CHS stated when [redacted] LNU stated they would be [redacted] the "movers and shakers" in politics, such as U.S. Senator Ted Stevens and Congressman Don Young. U-CHS recalls Stevens [redacted] on numerous occasions. On a couple occasions, U-CHS heard discussions about Native Health funds. U-CHS believed Stevens and [redacted]

A separate source, [redacted] referred to as (CHS2), provided first hand knowledge of [redacted] and Stevens being close friends. CHS2 stated [redacted] and Stevens would golf together, as well as [redacted] would take Stevens for elaborate, expensive dinners.

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Information from two separate sources contend a relationship between [redacted] and Stevens. The allegations are as follows:

1. [redacted] often took Stevens for rides on his private jet.
2. [redacted] paid for expensive dinners with Stevens.
3. Stevens may have diverted Native Health monies to [redacted]

[redacted] is known to have the following business and corporate licenses:

[redacted]

by [redacted] Stevens, and Veco executives.

In early [redacted] U-CHS [redacted] a conversation in which [redacted] LNU that he would make [redacted]

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Aforementioned alludes to a possible Gratuities Fraud matter involving U.S. Senator Ted Stevens and [redacted] Further investigation is warranted, to include obtaining background information for [redacted] businesses, to include [redacted] to ascertain if any of the businesses directly benefitted from Native American Health monies.

Some of the pertinent statutes which may be applicable to the aforementioned allegations include the following:

Title 18, U.S.C. §201, Bribery of public officials and witnesses;

Title 18, U.S.C. §666, Theft or bribery concerning programs receiving Federal funds;

Title 18, U.S.C. §669, Theft or embezzlement in connection with health care; and,

Title 18, U.S.C. §1346, Honest Services Fraud

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ALASKA ORTHOPAEDIC SPECIALISTS (AOS),
HEALTH SOUTH SURGERY CENTER;
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Provide information from a witness who at this time is listed as an undocumented source.

Alaska State Trooper (AST) [redacted] provided information to case agent from [redacted] who wishes to remain anonymous at this time, and will hence be referred to as an undocumented source (U-CHS). At such time in the near future when U-CHS wishes to become either a confidential human source; a protected source; or witness, all the information in this document will be captured in either a source report format or FD-302. U-CHS has been [redacted] and [redacted] Source fears a [redacted]

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On 09/13/2007, AST [redacted] provided information to case agent regarding U-CHS. [redacted] has conversations with U-CHS on a [redacted] U-CHS was employed with [redacted]

[redacted] Some of the local villagers in [redacted] speculated [redacted]

[redacted] worth approximately [redacted] for purchase and refurbishment. U-CHS [redacted] conversation in which [redacted] told his [redacted] (LNU) that he would make [redacted]

On 10/22/2007, AST [redacted] stated U-CHS had been [redacted] U-CHS believes [redacted] told U-CHS there were no reasons listed for the [redacted] Additional information provided by U-CHS include conversations which indicate [redacted] and U.S. Senator Ted Stevens may be in collusion to divert federal money to one of [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

U-CHS stated when [redacted] LNU stated they would be [redacted] the "movers and shakers" in politics, such as U.S. Senator Ted Stevens and Congressman Don Young. U-CHS recalls Stevens flew on [redacted] jet on numerous occasions. On a couple occasions, U-CHS heard discussions about Native Health funds. U-CHS believed Stevens and [redacted]

U-CHS believes [redacted] has a lot of money, and the [redacted] U-CHS firmly believes [redacted]

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ALASKA ORTHOPAEDIC SPECIALISTS (AOS),
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Provide basic behavioral indicators regarding [redacted]

Numerous basic behavioral indicators have become apparent during interviews with sources and witnesses regarding [redacted] The following significant indicators have been noted through interviews: Alcoholism; Anger/Perseveration; and, Association with deceptive individuals. In addition, [redacted] has crucial factors related to the following domains: Familial; Ambition; and Humanitarianism/Empathy.

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[redacted] believes [redacted] drinking problem was getting worse in recent years. [redacted] as a "Jekell/Hyde" persona. During the day he is an [redacted]. But he has a drinking problem and drinks (alcohol) every night. [redacted] will not answer [redacted] electronic mails (emails) after 9:00 pm as they can be foul due to his drinking. [redacted] further stated although [redacted] has never been observed with alcohol in the office, he frequently smelled of "acetone," the smell released from the body after heavy alcoholic drinking. [redacted] stated numerous associates and friend have tried to warn [redacted] to stop, but he persists in his drinking.

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Source [redacted] provided first hand knowledge of [redacted] and Stevens being close friends. Source stated [redacted] and Stevens would golf together, as well as [redacted] would take Stevens for elaborate, expensive dinners.

[redacted] is known to have numerous business and corporate licenses, and may earn over $2 million annually. He is is the [redacted] and travels frequently to attend events. [redacted] did not believe [redacted] members, but obtained his position due to his power and political influence. He then said that [redacted] was an "intimidator," and that people are afraid of him. [redacted] could hurt someone easily, he has so much power and control in the community as U.S. Senator Ted Stevens was a friend. [redacted] would hold fund raisers at his home for Stevens.

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The cause of [redacted] drinking problems are not known, most alcoholism stems from either a genetic predisposition toward alcohol, or a "blocking" technique to dull any unresolved emotional issues, possibly stemming from familial relationship issues as a child. The same issues could also produce extreme anger and perseveration conditions, which coupled with the alcoholism, would take the form of extreme behavior. [redacted] has associations with individuals of dubious and deceptive natures. Given his intelligence and education, it would be difficult to argue coincidence with these associates, and leads to the question of [redacted] own moral compass.

According to witness and source statements, [redacted] seems to place his ambition above basic human values of empathy and caring toward [redacted] In the face of [redacted] in [redacted] did not acknowledge a problem. He completed [redacted] and left. [redacted] may have altered their actions or [redacted]

U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Anchorage, Alaska
April 17, 2008

TROJAN TRUST

Captioned matter was initiated based on information received from a confidential informant and a separate source regarding two [redacted] Allegations stat [redacted] and a witness noted on one occasion that a [redacted] Investigation regarding [redacted] developed information regarding additional [redacted] to include [redacted] and his [redacted]

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Source and witness information advised [redacted] may have received kickbacks from a [redacted] company. Additionally, [redacted] allegedly imports [redacted] non-controlled substance, from Canada and bills the drug at the higher U.S. comparable price.

Further, information has been obtained, but not verified, regarding possible corruption between [redacted] and members of the [redacted]. In addition, a credible source believes a United States Senator may have diverted Native American Health Funds (federal monies) to [redacted] a close friend and political supporter of the Senator.

Scheme to Defraud a Health Care Benefit Program
False Statements

The health care fraud investigation of [redacted] focuses on the primary issue of Medicaid billings for services performed by a physician, without modifiers denoting services provided by anyone less than a physician, specifically [redacted] It has been alleged [redacted] is not available.

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Alleged Gratuities Fraud

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CHS provided first hand knowledge that [redacted] and Senator Stevens are close friends. CHS stated the two would golf together, and [redacted] would purchase elaborate, expensive dinners for Senator Stevens.

In [redacted] U-CHS overheard a conversation in which [redacted] all over the U.S. to promote long term critical care hospitals. CHS believes [redacted] is either a [redacted] facility in Anchorage. Ownership of the facility does not show [redacted] but lists partial ownership to [redacted] is a close associate of [redacted] and they have many joint business ventures.

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A perusal of [redacted] numerous civil cases revealed Alaska State Civil Case [redacted] against [redacted] and other defendants. In [redacted] had a business venture with both the plaintiffs and defendants titled [redacted] They constructed the [redacted] and obtained the required Municipality's certificate of need (CON) prior to construction of the building. In [redacted] some of the minority partners [redacted] made several misrepresentations to state legislators advocating an amendment of AS 18.07.031, erroneously stating they represented all partners from [redacted]

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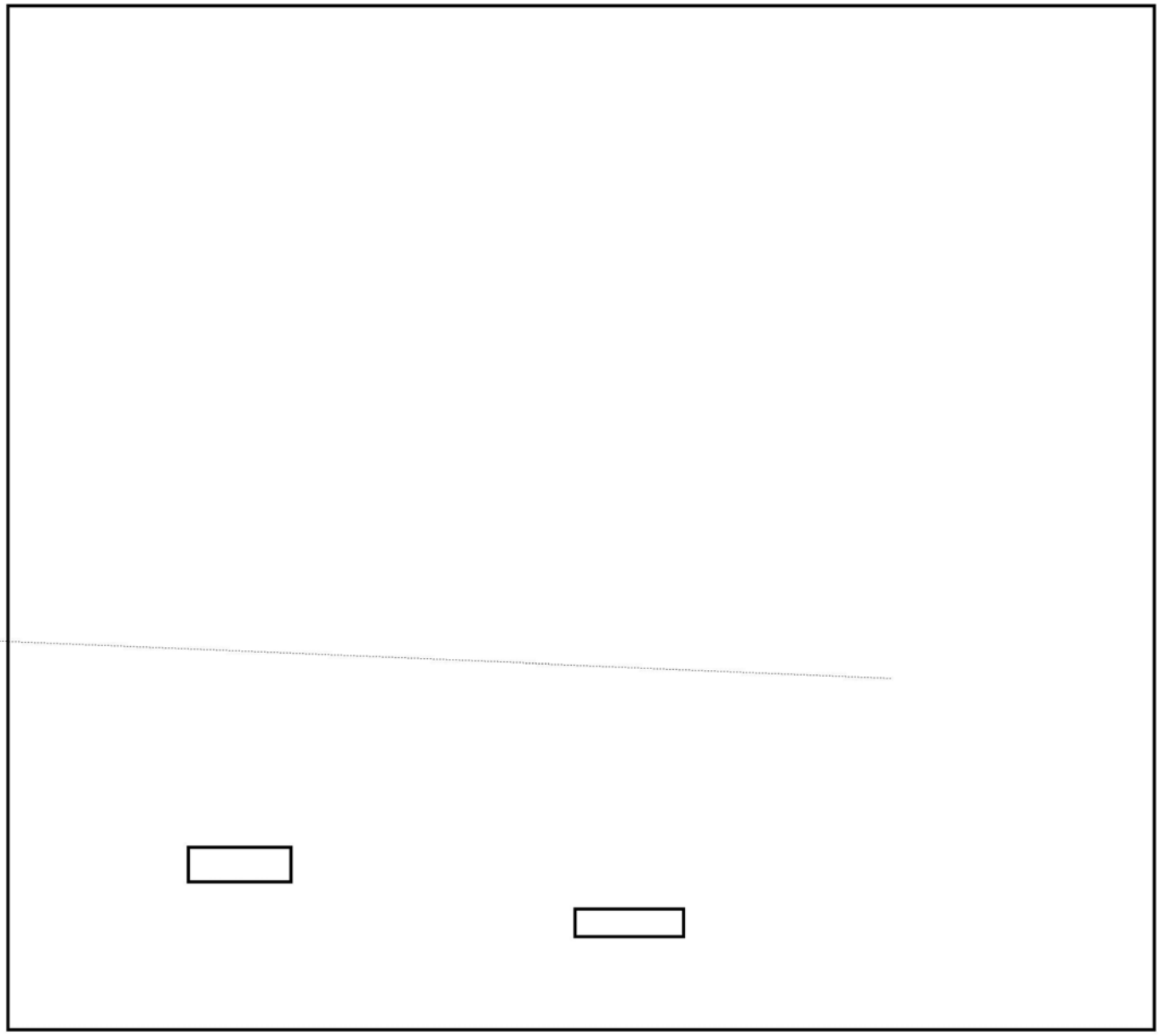
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U.S. Senator Ted Stevens and U.S. Congressman Don Young (head of the House Transportation Committee) have reportedly visited Security Aviation. Young may have gone on a fishing trip with subjects. According to [redacted] USAF or Alaska Air National Guard members have arrived at Security Aviation in uniform and changed into civilian clothing to fly aircraft. USAF OSI is attempting to identify any off-duty USAF officers that may work at Security Aviation.

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Date of transcription 07/27/2005

[redacted] born [redacted] was interviewed telephonically at [redacted] After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the interview, Bannon provided the following information:

In [redacted] was employed by INTEGRATED CONCEPTS AND RESEARCH CORPORATION (ICRC), which is a subsidiary of KONIAG, an Alaskan Native Corporation. On [redacted] began [redacted] DENALI COMMISSION. She remained an ICRC employee [redacted]

[redacted] advised that JEFF STASER, federal co-chair of the Denali Commission, had an interest in ensuring a positive relationship with [redacted] Staser's position was a federally appointed position. [redacted] indicated that Lexo was the former [redacted] to Congressman DON YOUNG. [redacted] stated that Staser felt [redacted] input to Young could ensure that Staser would be reappointed to the federal co-chair position.

Staser set aside five million dollars for ICRC to give to Young for an energy bill. [redacted] for the Denali Commission, commented to [redacted] that this was a lot of money for an energy plan but that [redacted] attempted to locate a copy of the energy plan that this money was allocated for; however, found that no such plan existed. She is unsure what happened to the money.

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Staser made several comments to [redacted] regarding how to obtain money and avoid the public bidding process on contracts. Staser stated that he learned to do this when [redacted]. Staser stated that you set up a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) about something basic and innocuous. If the dollar amount is less than $10,000 there is no requirement for public bidding. Amendments can be added to the MOA that include much larger sums of money. However, because they are added as amendments they are able to bypass the public bidding process. [redacted]

[redacted] She was usually told not to

Investigation on 07/27/2005 at Anchorage, Alaska (telephonically)

File # 194A-AN-14295 Date dictated N/A

by SA [redacted]

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being questioned about it. [redacted] at the Commission, [redacted] who reported the issue. Ultimately, the ICRC contract with the Commission was ended. [redacted] came up to Alaska to meet with Staser in an attempt to renew the contract. ICRC withheld social security from [redacted] pay check [redacted] a print out from the Social Security Administration showing that ICRC had never paid the social security. [redacted]

[redacted] the Commission [redacted] out of an office in Washington, D.C., which was part of ICRC. She [redacted] because there were guns in several locations in the office. [redacted] find some federal money for a machinery shipment. One of the individuals explained that they were putting guns into machinery and shipping the machinery to Europe. [redacted] about the meeting and he told her not to tell Congressman Don Young or his staff. [redacted] advised that the guns were eventually removed from the office [redacted] indicated that [redacted]

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Confidential Human Source (CHS) Reporting Document

Reporting Date: 04/15/2008

Case ID: 194A-AN-14699-SLC (Pending)
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Contact Date: 04/09/2008

Type of Contact: Telephonic

Location: Anchorage, AK

Written by: SA [redacted] b6
Other(s) Present: b7C

Source Reporting:

On 04/09/2008 SOURCE telephonically contacted writer to advise that he/she [redacted] the Alaska Sea Life Center (ASLC). SOURCE was unable to [redacted] provided the following information:

[redacted] the ASLC. SOURCE had a conversation with [redacted] that he/she had not heard from the FBI. [redacted] b6
[redacted] refrained from asking any b7C
questions. b7D

[redacted] the ASLC was getting a lot of negative press for no good reason. [redacted] the recent press release discussing the DON YOUNG charity event which takes place at the ASLC. [redacted] non-profits are not supposed to send out any press for candidates and that it is the candidate's office responsibility. [redacted]

Later, [redacted] various ASLC employees about [redacted] b3 b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] SOURCE could not recall the individuals [redacted] spoke to during the day. b6 b7C b7D

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INVESTIGATIVE ACTIVITY REPORT

Case Title	Case Number
Alaska Sea Life Center	OI-OR-07-0234-I
Reporting Office	**Report Date**
Portland Resident Office	05/14/2007

Report Subject
Interview – Vanta Shafer – Mayor, Seward, AK

DETAILS

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On 05/08/2007 at 1200 hours Seward Mayor Vanta Shafer and newly appointed City Manger Phillip Oates met with Department of the Interior Office of Inspector General (DOI/OIG) Special Agent [redacted] and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Special Agent [redacted] at Ray's Waterfront Restaurant, 1316 4th Ave. Seward, Alaska. Shafer voluntarily provided the following information:

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Shafer was initially appointed Mayor of Seward, AK three years ago in April, 2004 after former Mayor David Brosou resigned for health reasons. She won a two year term in the next mayoral election held in October, 2005 and is up for election again in October, 2007. In her position as Mayor, she runs City Council meetings and acts to develop relationships between the City and outside entities such as the Cruise ship industry. She advised that she is largely a "ceremonial Mayor" and has no more authority than any other City Council member. In addition to her responsibilities with the City she holds a full time job as an Administrator with the local hospital.

She has traveled to Washington D.C. in her official capacity as Mayor on at least two different occasions.

In April 2004 Shafer traveled to D.C. with Seward Vice Mayor Willard Dunham[1] in an effort to secure funding from the Denali Commission for health care concerns in rural communities. During this three day trip, she met with Alaska Senator Lisa Murkowski, Alaska Congressional Representative Don Young, National Park Service Representatives, National Science Foundation Representatives, and [redacted] Senator Stevens [redacted] She does recall discussing the Mary Lowell Center (MLC) wit[redacted]but does not remember the specifics of the conversation. She indicated that as a City of Seward Community Representative, her primary concern was the revitalization of the Seward downtown area and she just wanted to secure the MLC funding as part of those revitalization efforts.

[1] Willard Dunham also retains a seat on the Alaska Sea Life Center Board of Directors.

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In 2005, Shafer again traveled to Washington D.C. with a group that included Willard Dunham and City Manager [redacted] to encourage funding for various Seward projects. She met with the same group of legislators as the previous trip and had an additional meeting with Alaska Senator Ted Stevens and hi[redacted] During this meeting Shafer objected to Appropriations language inserted into Section 344 of Public Law 108-447 which required the City of Seward to vacate a portion of Washington Street as part of the plan for the MLC. [2] She was experiencing strong opposition from some of her constituents on this issue and felt that the City shouldn't be compelled through legislation to comply with this directive. [redacted] stated that the National Park Service (NPS) didn't buy all the properties they were directed to purchase. Shafer retorted "you can't force people to sell their property" and Senator Stevens agreed, stating that it would be tantamount to condemnation. Shafer indicated that several days after this conversation took place, Senator Stevens revised the original legislation, removed the Washington Street vacation language and instructed the NPS to send the remaining land acquisition funding to the Alaska Sea Life Center instead of the City of Seward.[3] Shafer expressed disappointment and surprise at the legislation revision and commented that she had no advance knowledge that the Senator would take away the funding slated for the City.

Shafer commented that she would have ordinarily met with City of Seward lobbyist Brad Gilman during her travel to Washington D.C. but could not meet with him on this trip due to his father's recent death. The week that she was in D.C. Gilman was in Alaska, making funeral arrangements and attending his father's funeral.[4]

Shafer contacted ASLC Executive Director Tylan Schrock after reading the amended legislation and requested he use part of the appropriation to rebuild the Waterfront pavilions and Hoban P[redacted] Schrock agreed to consider her request. She stated that she had an additional conversation[redacted] Schrock shortly after the ASLC received the NPS funds in which he stated the ASLC was going to buy the Arcade Property[5] and have it demolished at the same time. Shafer expressed relief that "the eyesore" would be gone. Schrock told her the demolition was part of the sales price and the "Centennial Group was not making any money off this deal."

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Schrock showed Shafer his plans for a new boat and boat tours to be conducted at the ASLC. Shafer believed this would be great for the Seward community. Schrock did not tell her that he had contracted with one of Trevor McCabe's companies (Alaska Northern Outfitters) to build the boat and the dock and run the tours. Shafer did not know where the funding came from for this venture.

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[2] Section 344 of Public Law 108-447 directed the NPS to transfer to the City of Seward "any remaining balance of previously appropriated funds not necessary for property acquisition (for the MLC) and design upon the vacation by the City of Seward of Washington Street between 4th Avenue and 5th Avenue..., provided that the City of Seward uses such funds for the related waterfront planning, pavilions, boardwalks, trails, or related purposes that compliment the new federal facility."

[3] Section 438 of the Department of Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006 (published 07/26/2005) amended Section 344 of Public Law 108-447 by removing the requirement that the City of Seward vacate Washington Street and "immediately transfer to the Alaska Sea Life Center for various acquisitions, waterfront improvements and facilities that complement the new federal facility, any remaining balance of previously appropriated funds."

[4] Alaska Sea Life Center (ASLC) Executive Director Tylan Schrock stated to investigators that ASLC lobbyist Brad Gilman had notified him about a week before the amended legislation was published that the ASLC would be receiving federal funds left over from the NPS MLC land acquisitions.

[5] Property owned by Trevor McCabe, Dale Lindsay, and [redacted] through consortium group called Centennial Group. Section 344 of Public Law 108-447 required NPS to purchase this parcel of property as one of seven parcels for the MLC. NPS failed to come to terms with Centennial Group on this property due to steep asking price, well above Government appraised value.

Shafer confirmed that in 2004 she was present on a boat tour of Resurrection Bay in Sewa[redacted] b6 Per Interior
included [redacted], Trevor McCabe, Dale Lindsay and various entities from the Cit[redacted] b7C ward,
NPS, and the University of Alaska. The purpose of the tour was to look at revitalization efforts along
Seward's waterfront. Shafer made no specific observations about the participants during this boat
tour.

PERSONAL HISTORY DATA

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[redacted] born [redacted] social security account number [redacted] work address [redacted] Washington, work telephone number [redacted] cellular telephone [redacted] was interviewed at his attorney's office, LAW OFFICE OF DAVID BUKEY, 1011 Western Avenue, Suite 803, Seattle, Washington, telephone 206-382-1787. [redacted] born [redacted] social security account number [redacted] work address [redacted] Washington, work telephone number [redacted] was interviewed at his attorney's office, LAW OFFICE OF DAVID BUKEY, 1011 Western Avenue, Suite 803, Seattle, Washington, telephone 206-382-1787. Also present was the [redacted] attorney, [redacted] and National Marine Fishery Service (NMFS) Special Agent [redacted] After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview, the [redacted] provided the following information:

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[redacted] when he came to the United States from [redacted] to work with [redacted] king salmon. [redacted] That same year, he graduated from the [redacted] with a [redacted] He worked for [redacted] and [redacted] US AIR FORCE ROTC while [redacted] he built houses. [redacted] he tried king crab fishing and [redacted] houses in winter. Soon after, he began [redacted] vessels and in [redacted] was doing good.

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[redacted] and used to go work in King Salmon, Alaska [redacted] After college, he went into [redacted] to make more money where he became [redacted]

[redacted] three vessels and was [redacted] Last Name Unknown (LNU), [redacted] set up a meeting with [redacted] to talk about Adak and cod fisheries. [redacted] wanted to [redacted] LNU explained ASF would be buying into a company worth $50-60 million

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it actually ended up costing about [redacted] ASF went to [redacted] the vessel. [redacted] and that was how ADVANCE NORTH got involved [redacted] handled most of the [redacted] and [redacted] were not aware whether [redacted] did any work related to the MT. MITCHELL.

[redacted] advised that NOAA got "pissed off" because they wanted to try and sell the MT. MITCHELL to NOAA as a replacement for the NOAA vessel FAIRWEATHER, because it was going under refurbishment and was going to cost more to refurbish than to buy the MT. MITCHELL. NOAA got upset because they had their plan and didn't want to change it.

[redacted] advised that they were [redacted] of the vessel and do a lot of great charters, most recently to include looking for the AMELIA EARHART crash.

[redacted] have been to seafood invitationals. Both have participated in some raffles but were not aware of anything involving DON YOUNG or his wife winning raffles or golf tournaments.

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familiar with the crab loan program and [redacted] was not making any [redacted] Congress. [redacted] did not know whether or not [redacted]

When questioned whether [redacted] was hired because of [redacted] stated, "it would be disingenuous to say that wasn't a part of it."

SEAS had a director and board of directors. Membership dues were used to pay for the contract with ADVANCE NORTH. There were approximately 120-150 members and the dues were between $600 and $700 annually. This equated to approximately $70,000 to $80,000 in membership dues annually. SEAS dues were based on the vessels fish landings. SEAS also earned income with non-profit hatcheries. Members would catch some of the fish and SEAS got a small portion. In 2004, SEAS received a $150,000 Congressional grant to study/research a buyback program. The money went from Congress to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADFG), and from ADFG to the SOUTHEAST REVITALIZATION ASSOCIATION (SRA), which was part of SEAS. SEAS only has one operating account and all the funds are co-mingled. [redacted] stated that he wasn't sure if there was a separate tracking between the use of grant money and the member's dues.

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Around 2004, Congress gave SEAS a buyback program to include $50 million with a two percent tax; however, NMFS said no. OMB also said no. SEAS decided to compromise and is currently pushing to get $20 million and a three percent tax. [redacted] U.S. Senator TED STEVENS [redacted] buyback program. Also helpful was [redacted] U.S. Representative DON YOUNG's [redacted]

The contract with ADVANCE NORTH was terminated in December 2005 but resumed with [redacted] at approximately [redacted] continues to have personal contact wit[redacted] advised there was not a lot of written work product supporting what [redacted] did for their contract and that most of the communication was via teleconferences. [redacted] almost exclusively worked with [redacted]

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[redacted] born [redacted] social security account number [redacted] home address [redacted] b6
Washington, work telephone number [redacted] was interviewed at b7C
STOLE RIVES LLP, 600 University Street, Suite 3600, Seattle,
Washington. Also present was [redacted] attorney, [redacted]
[redacted] and National Marine Fishery Service (NMFS) Special Agent [redacted] b6
[redacted] After being advised of the identity of the b7C
interviewing agents and the nature of the interview, [redacted] provided
the following information:

[redacted] ALEUTIAN SPRAY FISHERIES, INC. (ASF)
[redacted] needed a job at the time and [redacted]
decided to give [redacted] chance that turned into [redacted]
[redacted] Currently [redacted] has no title at ASF. [redacted]
[redacted] within ASF. [redacted]
[redacted] and any other job required. In addition to working
for ASF, [redacted] to the NORTH
PACIFIC FISHERIES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (NPFMC) for the [redacted]

[redacted] were approached by
someone to get involved in ADAK FISHERIES (AF). [redacted] and
[redacted] were friends. [redacted] that it
wasn't a good idea because of logistical issues and because it did
not fit within the company's culture. ASF ultimately decided to
get involved in AF [redacted]

During ASF's involvement in AF, [redacted] b6
for regulatory issues that involved the Alaska DEPARTMENT OF b7C
ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION (ADEC). [redacted] name came up when
[redacted] was involved in [redacted] and ADEC.
[redacted] did not have any interaction with [redacted]

[redacted] described [redacted] as a smart man, very intelligent.
[redacted] was nervous about dealing with [redacted] because he's sharp and
takes advantage of the system. [redacted] described [redacted] as a very
good guy, a straight shooter. [redacted] only knew [redacted] by reputation.
[redacted] once asked [redacted] for a job but did not get one. [redacted] only
[redacted] from the NPFMC Advisory Panel meetings. When
asked about [redacted] further
explained that he was involved with [redacted] in

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fisheries strategies. When [redacted] found out about [redacted] was very surprised he had it.

[redacted] has participated in a seafood golf tournament/raffle where DON YOUNG was present. [redacted] the event. [redacted] was not present during any of the raffles where YOUNG or his wife won anything. [redacted] does not drink so he left early. [redacted] has heard that LOU YOUNG has won items at those raffles. [redacted] once won binoculars at the event. Attendees are strong-armed into buying tickets that are used in the raffles because it funds events for fisheries. [redacted] has not golfed with DON YOUNG.

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[redacted] is "very, very, very, straight forward" with [redacted] has done some [redacted] with [redacted] regarding a lease evaluation.

The research vessel Mt. Mitchell was an investment that ASF got involved in. [redacted] the [redacted] of the deal as soon as possible. [redacted] ADVANCE NORTH involved in the sale or charter of the Mt. Mitchell [redacted] about ways to sell it. [redacted] advised he did not think he even knew [redacted] was [redacted] ADVANCE NORTH. ASF contracted with [redacted] because of [redacted] knowledge that could help ASF and because of [redacted] background. [redacted] had political connections with people in the U.S. Department of Commerce and knew how to help sell the vessel. When asked what [redacted] did for ASF, [redacted] did not know [redacted] relationship with [redacted] did not have any other business relationship with [redacted] knew that ADVANCE NORTH contracted with [redacted] and believed it was a good idea to use him.

[redacted] was not aware of any inappropriate, illegal, or unethical acts by any public official outside what he has read in the newspapers.

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[redacted] work telephone number [redacted] cellular telephone number [redacted] was interviewed at the Anchorage Division Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) office located at 101 East 6th Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99501 on September 19, 2008. After being advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview, [redacted] voluntarily provided the following information:

[redacted] United States Senator TED STEVENS from [redacted] STEVENS' Washington, D.C. office from [redacted] congressional office located in Anchorage, AK and [redacted] constituent matters. From approximately [redacted] for United States Congressman DON YOUNG in Anchorage, AK. From [redacted] for United States Senator LISA MURKOWSKI.

When [redacted] STEVENS' D.C. office, [redacted] STEVENS. [redacted] responsibilities included [redacted] other functions, as well as [redacted] from the airport to be used at a [redacted] by STEVENS. [redacted] between STEVENS and legislative assistants, [redacted]

[redacted] advised that he didn't have a typical work schedule, but tended to work long hours during the week and had to be available at all times. His weekends were generally free, although occasionally [redacted] at the airport [redacted] the Capitol when votes were scheduled. Since [redacted] worked such long hours, it was understood that if he had down time during the day, he was free to take care of personal matters. [redacted] used this down time to [redacted] such as

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[redacted] was interviewed at the offices of the Public Integrity Section of the Department of Justice. Also present during the interview were [redacted] Assistant United States Attorneys [redacted] and trial attorneys NICHOLAS MARSH and [redacted] provided the following information:

[redacted] was employed by VECO CORPORATION. [redacted] began his employment with UNITED STATES SENATOR TED STEVENS in [redacted] He worked [redacted] In the Spring of [redacted] had his first encounter with [redacted] in regard to a project involving VECO CORPORATION on Sakhalin Island, Russia. STEVENS was preparing for a trip to Sakhalin [redacted] and [redacted] VECO was partnered with PEAK OILFIELD and NATCHIQ CORPORATION on a project to train Russian workers. Exxon was notoriously hard to work with and Exxon was potentially interested in starting projects in Sakhalin that VECO wanted to see occur. [redacted] wanted to convince the oil companies that Russian workers could be subcontracted to do part of the work. If VECO was successful, then it was more probable that VECO would obtain work from Exxon in Sakhalin. [redacted] from NATCHIQ and PEAK OILFIELD which was a subsidiary of the Cook Inlet Regional Corporation (CIRI). The meeting with [redacted] occurred before the September 1999 trip to Sakhalin. [redacted] was a part of the discussions to get US companies involved in the Russian work. The Wall Street Journal, the Washington Post and the New York Times wrote an article on the Senate appropriation to train Russian workers in Alaska.

The Russians identified people who could function as project managers and brought them to the University of Alaska to train them on American equipment and techniques. The companies would allow the Russians to learn the skills while working on projects. The Alaska companies wanted money to cover the expenses related to training the Russians. VECO believed that if they could satisfy American investors then Exxon and other oil companies would be more willing to invest in Russian projects. There were several meetings with [redacted] and [redacted] of the American Russian Program at the University of Alaska. [redacted] was

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in the letter was familiar to [redacted] however, [redacted] did not recall working on this issue. [redacted] believed that either [redacted] STEVENS was working on this prior to [redacted] employment and part of this was to get an independent third party review to help the efforts to open ANWR. [redacted] was not familiar with SRI International or VECO Polar Research.

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[redacted] was shown an email dated [redacted] from [redacted] regarding the Alaska BAT Program. [redacted] did not recall this email and thought that he might have given this matter to [redacted] to handle. [redacted] This topic area was not something that [redacted] typically handled. [redacted] was confident that [redacted] knew [redacted] because next to STEVENS, [redacted] powerful republican in Alaska.

AHTNA was one of three Alaskan native corporations with whom STEVENS worked closely. Native corporations are considered 8A corporations and are therefore entitled to sole source contracts with unlimited dollar amounts. [redacted] some of the native corporations. [redacted] AHTNA, was the only individual that [redacted] knew at AHTNA. [redacted] was shown an email dated [redacted] from [redacted] that had a letter from AHTNA attached which recommended [redacted] doesn't think that [redacted] got the position and that STEVENS nominated [redacted] doesn't recall [redacted] worked for the Vice President.

[redacted] was shown a document that was entitled "Moad Atlas Mine Tailing Project Meeting Sole-Source Effort." At the bottom of the document is a handwritten note that says 1 [redacted] recalled that there was a DOE clean up project and that AHTNA/VECO were putting together a deal to get the contract. [redacted] doesn't recall if STEVENS provided any assistance on this project. [redacted] on this project.

[redacted] was shown a handwritten note which said at the top of the page "Thurs + Fri. (4/27 +4/28). On the note was the word STEVENS underlined, under which was written [redacted] According to [redacted] defense appropriations sub committee. [redacted] was Congressman DON YOUNG's [redacted] or many years who later left to begin a

lobbying career. [redacted] said that when you hire [redacted] things done in YOUNG's office [redacted] "part of the family." [redacted] had relationships with STEVENS. [redacted] described [redacted] as bringing in shady work. [redacted] described a deal that [redacted] had brokered for TDX Corporation involving a dry dock that somehow negatively impacted Hawaii. STEVENS and the HAWAIIAN senator were close friends and STEVENS got angry at [redacted] the project. [redacted] said that CONOCO PHILLIPS was pushing hard for the gas line, EXXON was the least involved and BRITISH PETROLEUM was in the middle. VECO'S mantra was "Got to get the gas line going." VECO was worried if the gas line didn't move forward that their contracts would reduce.

[redacted] was shown an email dated September 10, 2003 from [redacted] about a white paper on the gas line. Between 2002-2004, there was heavy lobbying on the gas line. FRANK MURKOWSKI ran for governor in 2002 and pushed the gas line project. VECO was working on projects all over the world. [redacted] didn't recall a project with ASIA PETROLEUM. [redacted] was aware of an issue VECO was having with a pipeline project in Asia, but [redacted] was not involved in fixing the problem. [redacted] was aware that VECO wanted STEVENS to apply pressure on the ambassador or some other appropriate person to facilitate the payment to VECO that was being stymied. [redacted] met with STEVENS on this issue.

[redacted] was shown handwritten notes dated August 20, 1999 that said a staffer needed to be assigned to the IMF and World Bank issues. [redacted] had contact with the World Bank on behalf of STEVENS but he doesn't recall the name of who he contacted. In a letter to STEVENS dated August 23, 1999 referencing the Asia Petroleum project, [redacted] requested STEVENS assistance in getting the World Bank to persuade the Government of Pakistan to sign an implementation agreement. [redacted] believes he would have given this letter to [redacted] and that [redacted] would have met with VECO to address this issue. [redacted] had a good working relationship. STEVENS may have called the ambassador or prime minister to address this issue.

[redacted] was shown a fax from [redacted] dated September 22, 1999 with a letter attached regarding the Pakistani Pipeline. [redacted] thinks the letter may have come from [redacted] but that the letter doesn't have the standard tag line. [redacted] doesn't know if the World Bank took action based on the letter. It was not unusual for STEVENS to pick up the phone and make a call to

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[redacted] date of birth [redacted] telephone [redacted], a member of the [redacted] was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the purpose of the interview. Also, present during the interview were [redacted] an attorney representing [redacted] and government attorneys. NICHOLAS MARSH, [redacted] provided the following information:

[redacted] graduated from [redacted] with a bachelors degree and from [redacted] with a [redacted] started working on Capitol Hill [redacted] for Congressman DON YOUNG through [redacted] United States Senator TED STEVENS [redacted] with STEVENS, [redacted]

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[redacted] STEVENS. [redacted] Alaska with STEVENS approximately [redacted] never went to STEVENS' Girdwood residence. [redacted]

[redacted] responsible for gathering the pertinent information. A list of gifts received by STEVENS was maintained in STEVENS' senate office. Generally, STEVENS would [redacted] keep track of them. At times, [redacted] receipt of gifts. One example of a gift received by the office was a pen set given to STEVENS by the King of Jordan. [redacted] STEVENS, [redacted] discussed and reviewed the disclosure forms together. They did discuss what needed to be reported and what didn't need to be reported. [redacted] staff to

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INVESTIGATIVE ACTIVITY REPORT

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Alaska Sea Life Center	OI-OR-07-0234-I
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Report Subject
Interview – Willard Dunham – Seward Vice Mayor and SAAMS Secretary

SYNOPSIS

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On 06/12/07 federal Investigators interviewed Seward Vice-Mayor and Seward Association for the Advancement of Marine Science (SAAMS) Secretary Willard Dunham. He provided background on the relationship between SAAMS dba Alaska Sea Life Center (ASLC) lobbyist Brad Gilman and Trevor McCabe and provided new details on the last meeting between the City of Seward delegation and Senator Stevens prior to the passing of amended legislation that gave money to the ASLC. He also denied that ASLC Executive Director Tylan Schrock told the SAAMS Board that receipt of the previously referenced federal funds was contingent upon the ASLC purchase of the Arcade property.

DETAILS

On 06/12/2007 at 1430 hours Department of Commerce Office of Inspector General (DOC/OIG) Special Agent [redacted] and I met with Willard Dunham and his counsel, Attorney [redacted] of the firm Birch Horton Bittner and Cherot[1] at the Alaska Sea Life Center in Seward, AK. Dunham voluntarily provided the following information:

Willard has served on the Seward City Council for the past five years and currently holds the position of Vice-Mayor on the council.

He has served on the SAAMS Board of Directors since its inception in 1990 or 1991 and prior to that sat on the Board's precursor, the Seward Marine Science Board with the University of Alaska since the 1960's. While on the SAAMS Board, Dunham has held the position of President and has held his current position as Secretary for eight years.

[1] I was advised by Main Justice Attorney [redacted] that [redacted] a primary partner in this law firm, is Senator Ted Steven's brother-in-law. Attorney [redacted] has advised that this firm will represent all ASLC employees and SAAMS Board Members in this investigation. [redacted] was present during my interview with ASLC Executive Director Tylan [redacted] on 05/08/2007 and my interview with SAAMS Treasurer [redacted] on 06/11/2007. [redacted] is another associate partner in this firm.

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Several years ago Dunham traveled to Washington D.C. as part of a local Seward steering group to push the idea of a multi-agency facility and conference center. He was surprised at the unusual gathering of agencies that had the idea to band together to create this facility.

Approximately two years ago he traveled to Washington D.C. with Seward Mayor Vanta Shafer and City Manager [redacted] to meet with Senators Stevens and Murkowski and Alaska Congressman Young. The purpose of their meeting with Senator Stevens was to express concern over language he had placed in an Appropriations Bill[2] that required the City of Seward to vacate Washington Street. Dunham's understanding of this provision was that the federal money set aside for the construction of the Mary Lowell Center (MLC) could not be released until after Washington Street was vacated and he felt that it was a physical impossibility to enact this provision within the limited time frame listed in the Public Law. The fear was that failure to enact this provision in a timely manner would forfeit their ability to receive the federal construction funds.

The meeting took place in Senator Stevens' Office with Senator Ted Stevens [redacted] and a few other staff members. Shafer, Dunham [redacted] and lobbyists [redacted] were also present. The Seward contingent advised Senator Stevens that the vacation of Washington Street was facing some opposition and might not happen for a long period of time. They requested that the vacation language be taken out of the Bill so the rest of the project might move forward in a timely manner.[4]

Dunham believed that during further discussions (contemporaneous with the Senator's meeting) with City lobbyists [redacted] and [redacted] they never discussed the possibility that the leftover NPS land acquisition money might be moved from the City to the ASLC. [redacted] and [redacted] are two of three federal lobbyists from Brad Gilman's lobbying firm[5] that dealt with City of Seward issues. Under ordinary circumstances they would have met with Gilman but he was unavailable that week due to a death in his family. Dunham indicated that The City of Seward was under contract with Gilman's firm as their primary federal lobbyist and that they (the City) had provided this firm with a list of priority development projects for which they were seeking federal funding assistance. Dunham believed that the Mary Lowell Center was on that priority list. Dunham's understanding was that Gilman was being paid by the City to lobby specifically for Mary Lowell Center Project funding.

Dunham was aware that Gilman's firm was also being retained by the ASLC for similar purposes but did not see it as a conflict of interest for Gilman since the City of Seward and the ASLC had similar

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[2] Public Law 108-447 enacted on 12/08/2004 directed the NPS to transfer to the City of Seward "any remaining balance of previously appropriated funds not necessary for property acquisition (for the MLC) and design upon the vacation by the City of Seward of Washington Street between 4th Avenue and 5th Avenue..., provided that the City of Seward uses such funds for the related waterfront planning, pavilions, boardwalks, trails, or related purposes that compliment the new federal facility."

[3] Dunham could not recall the true name of the individual he nicknamed [redacted] During the interview attorne [redacted] interjected that Dunham had told him tha [redacted] fell asleep in [redacted] Office during this meeting and angered the Senator to the point where he felt the City of Seward might not be capable of managing federal funds [redacted] inferred that this might have been the reason that Stevens amended Public Law 108-447 on 07/26/2005 which redirected left over NPS land acquisition money from the City of Seward the Alaska Sea Life Center. [redacted] lobbying firm is Robertson, Monagle and Eastaugh; Dunham was unable to remember the name of the firm during the interview.

goals and the land the ASLC sits on is actually owned by the City of Seward. b6 Per Interior b7C

Dunham advised that Brad Gilman had grown up in Seward, AK and was childhood friends with Trevor McCabe.

Dunham believes he was alerted that the leftover NPS federal acquisition funds were being redirected from the City of Seward to the ASLC by Seward Mayor Vanta Shafer and recalls being rather "surprised" by the news. However, Dunham felt that the ASLC was much better geared toward handling federal appropriation money and the City did not have a plan in place on how they wanted to spend that money had it come to them. He believed that the money was ultimately a gift to ASLC, who was hurting for space.

[redacted] described Seward [redacted] as divisive. He indicated that [redacted] had publicly accused Senator Stevens of "malfeasance". According to Dunham, [redacted] refused to participate in ASLC/SAAMS Board Meetings even after he was told three times that as City Manager his attendance was mandatory. Members of the City Council finally asked [redacted] to vacate his position with the City. Dunham was not clear on whether [redacted] was fired or resigned his position but did state that [redacted] no longer has a job with the City of Seward. Dunham believed [redacted] still had property in Seward but was not sure if [redacted] still lived in the City.

He expressed surprise that the National Park Service did not buy the Arcade Property from the Centennial Group but was not that familiar with the negotiations between NPS and the Centennial Group.

Dunham couldn't remember how it came about that the Arcade Property was available to the ASLC for purchase. Dunham was on the SAAMS Executive Committee when ASLC Executive Director Tylan Schrock approached the Committee and gave a presentation recommending ASLC buy the Arcade Property using the leftover NPS federal land acquisition funds. Dunham did not remember if ASLC Executive Director Tylan Schrock presented specific information to the SAAMS Board about the possible purchase of the Arcade Property but stated there was "no question it was a good deal if we got the opportunity to buy it". When asked if Schrock or anyone ever indicated to the SAAMS Board that the transfer of federal funds to the ASLC was conditional upon the purchase of the Arcade Property, Dunham responded, "absolutely not!" According to Dunham, the Committee did tell Schrock that the purchase of the Arcade property would be conditional upon the demolition of the building. Dunham didn't remember discussion of the potential sales price for the Arcade Building.

Dunham intimated that 'everyone" on the Board knew that Trevor McCabe was part owner of the Arcade Property and it wasn't seen as an issue.

He advised that the Board had not yet reached a conclusion on the most appropriate use of the Arcade Property and had no concrete plans in place for potential development of the site.

Regarding the contract between ASLC and Alaska Northern Outfitters (ANO)[6], Dunham stated that at some point the SAAMS Board was "made aware" of an offer by ANO to run a day charter business from ASLC via a portable floating dock that would run interpretive science tours. ANO offered to provide the boat if ASLC would provide personnel for the tours and sign a lease with the City of

[6] A business owned by Trevor McCabe, [redacted]

Seward for the portable dock. Dunham's understanding was that the dock lease with the City expired June 1, 2007 and he does not know how much the lease cost ASLC.

Dunham related that the SAAMS Board knew of Trevor McCabe's connection to this deal as part owner of ANO.

According to Dunham, ASLC had tried this venture once before with Kenai Fjords Tours but it didn't work out due to poor logistics.

Dunham related that ASLC/SAAMS purchased real property on one occasion prior to the Arcade Property acquisition. The Chugach Native Corporation approached ASLC with an offer to buy or lease the Railroad Depot, a property adjacent to the ASLC. The Corporation was allegedly in financial trouble after sinking a lot of money into the Depot to create a theater. SAAMS entered into a 5 year lease agreement with Chugach for the property and purchased the property 3 years into the lease agreement. The property was financed, although Dunham was not aware of what funds are being used to make the monthly payments.

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Report Subject
Interview – Brad Gilman – Lobbyist/Attorney Robertson, Monagle, and Eastaugh

DETAILS

On 08/01/07 Department of Commerce Office of Inspector General (DOI/OIG) Special Agent [redacted] and I met with Brad Gilman at the law offices of Hogan and Hartson LLP, Columbia Square 555 Thirteenth St. NW Washington D.C. Gilman was represented by Attorney [redacted] Hogan and Hartson Staff Attorney [redacted] was also present. Gilman voluntarily provided the following information:

He is a Vice President in the law and lobbying firm of Robertson, Monagle and Eastaugh (RME). RME has offices in Kenai, AK, Juneau, AK and Washington D.C. The Office in Kenai has one President and five Vice President partners. The office in Juneau has two people on staff. He maintains his office in Washington D.C. with managing Director [redacted] who is a lobbyist but not a lawyer, and [redacted] who is a subcontractor working on retainer for the firm [redacted] has worked out of the Washington D.C. Office since 2001.

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He has been with RME since 1988 and has some legal clients, with whom he typically gives advice on federal procurement issues. However, the vast majority of his clients hire him for federal lobbying work and interaction on their behalf with federal agencies such as NOAA. Most of his client base consists of fisheries and fish processing facilities. He has clients nationwide but does most of the "Alaska work" for RME. Some of the specific clients Gilman mentioned included the Interstate Marine Fisheries Organization and the United Space Alliance.

He advised that he spends about 30% to 40% of his time on Capital Hill lobbying the Alaska delegation, which consists of Senator Ted Stevens, Senator Lisa Murkowski, and Congressman Don Young. He does lobby other state delegations and does not have a set visiting schedule. His schedule and who he lobbies is dictated by his clients and their needs, the time of year, and what issues or topics are "hot". When he does communicate with the Alaska delegation, he has relatively little face to face

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Report Subject
Interview –Drue Pearce, former Senior Advisor to the Secretary of Interior for Alaska Affairs

DETAILS

On 07/31/07 Department of Interior Office of Inspector General (DOI/OIG) Special Agent [redacted] and I met with Drue Pearce at her office located at 1101 Pennsylvania Ave, NW, Seventh Floor, Washington D.C. 20004. Pearce voluntarily provided the following information:

Pearce currently holds a Presidential Appointee position as the Federal Coordinator for Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Projects in the Office of the Federal Coordinator. She is the first individual to hold this newly created position. According to Pearce, the enabling legislation for this position was published in October, 2004 and was attached to a Department of Defense appropriation Bill (Public Law 108-324 section C). The Bill language actually came from the Senate Energy Committee. Pearce was nominated for the position and confirmed by Congress in August, 2006 and sworn in on 12/12/2006.

From 06/18/2001 until 12/2006 Pearce was the Department of Interior (DOI) Senior Advisor to the Secretary for Alaska Affairs. She worked in the immediate Office of the Secretary and fun b6 Per Interior reported directly to the Secretary. She worked closely with DOI Chief of Staff Brian Wade b7C teve Griles, and P. Lynn Scarlett. [redacted] worked for her in administrative capacities. She also worked with Cam Toohey, the Special Assistant to the Secretary for Alaska Affairs. Toohey was permanently assigned in Anchorage, AK. It is Pearce's understanding that he resigned from DOI in January, 2006 and took a position with Shell Oil.

From 1984 until 2001 Drue Pearce was an elected Alaska State Legislator. She spent 4 years in the Alaska House of Representatives and 13 years in the Alaska State Senate. She was President of the Senate twice and when she vacated her position to take her job with DOI, Ben Stevens, Senator Ted Stevens' son, was elected to take her position. While in this position, she would see Congressman Don Young about twice a year when he scheduled formal meetings with the group of State legislators. The two Senators, Ted Stevens and then Senator Frank Murkowski would appear before the State House

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once a year for a formal speech. Access to the federal law makers was limited beyond that to occasional "courtesy calls" to their offices while in Washington D.C. Pearce did acknowledge working a little more closely with Senator Frank Murkowski during the Alaska National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) debates because of his position with the Senate Energy Committee.

While at DOI, Pearce pulled together weekly reports on prevalent DOI Alaska issues and distributed them to the Secretary and Senior staff members. She fielded phone calls from Alaska citizens and business owners and conducted liaison work between these citizens and the various DOI Bureaus and entities.

She did have occasion to work with Paul Hoffman, then DOI Deputy Assistant Secretary on Fish and Parks. If Alaska specific issues came in to DOI in Washington D.C., DOI Secretary Chief of Staff Brian Wademan wouldn't sign off on correspondence unless the documents had been through Pearce's Office and had been "surnamed" by her office. Therefore, most of the Assistant Secretaries would come to Pearce first for advice before attempting to respond to Alaska based issues. Pearce explained that Fran Manilla, DOI Parks Director, was difficult to contact. Hoffman became the default "go to" guy for Alaska issues with the Parks. Pearce additionally consulted with [redacted] Acting Associate Solicitor for Parks, Fish, and Wildlife on Alaska Parks' problems.

Pearce also discussed Alaska issues with people in the "Congressional Hallway" at DOI. She worked with some of the DOI liaison and career staff who did work on DOI legislation and Bills. She participated in a bi-weekly teleconference on DOI Alaska issues that included people in the Congressional hallway. She would help expedite federal registrar packages if she had notice that they were coming to D.C. and she helped DOI with the research on the ANWR debate.

Occasionally Pearce did deal directly with members of the Alaska delegation, which consisted of Senator Ted Stevens, Senator Lisa Murkowski, and Congressman Don Young. Every once and a while they, or members of their staff would call Pearce seeking additional information on an Alaska based issue with DOI. The delegation also tended to "cc" Pearce on letters they wrote to the Secretary. Pearce attended all the meetings where Alaska delegation members met with the Secretary. Pearce could only recall three times in recent memory when Senator Stevens had a personal meeting with the DOI Secretary. Pearce also saw members of the delegation while attending various political events.

Pearce recalled two specific events when Senator Stevens called her directly for advice or information. One time Stevens called her to ask for clarification on an ethics issue. Stevens wanted to know how the Department of Interior defined ownership of a lease. He wasn't sure if he could privately invest in a particular arena if he was the one doing the appropriation of funds. Pearce thought this was an oil and gas venture somewhere in 2004 or 2005. Pearce didn't have any further information on the nature of the investment. She responded to this request by obtaining the appropriate definition from the Solicitor's Office. On a separate occasion, Stevens had a constituent issue and contacted Cam Toohey, who then called Pearce. Stevens had been requested by a constituent to look into a child custody issue. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) had items in their possession which were relevant to the custody dispute and Senator Stevens requested the items from USFWS through DOI. Pearce obtained the relevant items from USFWS after consulting with the DOI Solicitor's Office and released them to Senator Stevens.

Pearce had more frequent contact with some of Senator Stevens' staff members. Pearce would contact them periodically to get updates on DOI specific issues. She had occasional but not frequent contact

with [redacted] because she was on the Appropriations and Commerce Committees. She typically contacted [redacted] via e-mail since she almost never answered her phone and her voice mail was usually full. Pearce has not had any contact with [redacted] since she moved to the Commerce Committee. Pearce almost never had contact with staff member [redacted] Pearce spoke with Stevens' personal staff member [redacted] and others on his personal staff on a monthly basis.

Pearce advised that she met Trevor McCabe for the first time when she was in the Alaska State legislature and McCabe was working on Senator Steven's staff and traveling with him. Pearce knows who he is and what his background is due to the small community nature of Alaska and Alaska politics. Pearce did see McCabe briefly at one or two of the North Pacific Research Board (NPRB) meetings in Alaska when she was the designated DOI representative on the Board. Pearce denied interacting socially with McCabe.

Pearce also had some past interaction with Alaska Sea Life Center (ASLC) Executive Director Tylan Schrock. While part of the Alaska State legislature, the legislature appropriated about $17.5 million in Exxon Valdez Oil Spill (EVOS) compensation money to the ASLC. Later, while serving as the EVOS DOI Trustee, Pearce had some contact with Schrock through ASLC grants monitoring, research plans, and annual ASLC presentations before the EVOS Council. She also had some contact with Schrock through the NPRB during the brief time in 2004 and 2005 when she was the Board DOI representative. Schrock did call her occasionally when the EVOS trustee council did something he didn't like with regards to ASLC.

Pearce stated that she never had any communication regarding the Park Service properties with Trevor McCabe or Tylan Schrock during the period of time when the National Park Service (NPS) was negotiating with the Centennial Group[1] to purchase the Arcade and Old Solly's properties or later when Schrock/ASLC agreed to buy the Arcade Property. She did state that Trevor McCabe contacted Cam Toohey and asked for his help during the negotiation process but stated that no preference was given McCabe by DOI. Toohey shared with Pearce that McCabe said "the money is there, the language is there – NPS should be buying the property".

Pearce had an opportunity to view the original legislation[2] in draft form in the weeks before it was published and was alarmed that seven parcel numbers had been inserted in the language for acquisition by NPS. In communications with NPS employees Chuck Gilbert, Marcia Blaszak [redacted] and Anne Castellina she was under the impression that NPS had already determined that they only needed to purchase three properties for the Mary Lowell Center (MLC). Pearce was aware tha [redacted] had written the Bill language and she (Pearce) spoke with then Kenai Fjords National Park Superintendent Anne Castellina when Castellina brought the language to DOI. Pearce told Castellina "you can't let that get put in the law – it's awful [redacted]

After the legislation was passed and it became clear that the NPS "wasn't falling all over itself" to buy the Arcade and Old Solly's properties, Pearce recalled receiving a phone call from Senator Steven's staff membe [redacted] wanted to know why NPS wasn't purchasing the two properties.

[1] Formed 2003 by Trevor McCabe, Dale Lindsey, and [redacted]
[2] Public Law 108-447, enacted 12/08/2004 mandated NPS to purchase seven specific parcels of property (listed by tax identification numbers in the Bill) in Seward, AK for the new multi-agency facility to be called the Mary Lowell Center.

Pearce explained that the owners were asking too much money, well over appraised value and NPS didn't need to acquire that much land to build the MLC. Pearce felt that the Senator's personal staff understood the dilemma, although the Senator's Appropriations staff did not.

Pearce took issue with the NPS policy of paying above appraised value to acquire properties under $500,000 when other DOI agencies such as Bureau of Land Management and USFWS could not. She did not care for the inconsistency and complained about the policy to NPS. She also called the newly created DOI Appraisal Services Directorate and spoke with Brian Holly about the pending MLC land acquisitions and asked him to take a look at the negotiations.

Lobbyist Brad Gilman did set up a meeting between Pearce and the visiting Seward delegation of Mayor Vanta Shafer, Vice-Mayor Willard Dunham and City Manager [redacted] although she doesn't recall Gilman actually attending the meeting. The City delegation wanted to discuss the NPS stance on the Washington Street vacation language that was inserted in Section 344 of Public Law 108-447.[3] Pearce told them it was her understanding that the NPS needed to have that street vacated in order to proceed with construction plans for the MLC.

Pearce recalled being shocked a week later when Public Law 108-447 was amended[4] and the leftover NPS land acquisition monies that had been slated to go to the City of Seward were transferred to the ASLC. NPS and DOI were not given an opportunity to comment on the Bill before it was published and no one knew that it was coming. Pearce didn't remember having a conversation with any of Senator Stevens' staff members after the amended legislation passed. She said she could only speculate that it looked like "they got pissed off and tried to find another way to get someone to buy the properties."

Pearce had a conversation with NPS Regional Director Marcia Blaszak after the amended legislation passed when they agreed to stay at "arms length" and not get in the middle of this issue between the ASLC, the Senator's Office and the City of Seward. It was out of the Park Service's hands.

Pearce acknowledged feeling that Anne Castellina was entirely too close to this project and she continued working behind the scenes with Lisa Sutherland to make sure that the project remained in the forefront. Castellina continued to be an advocate pushing for the MLC project. Castellina and Sutherland were personal friends and Castellina traveled to Washington D.C. frequently. Pearce never knew why she was there or who she was representing (she was on the Seward City Council). Things would just appear in Appropriations Bills and DOI would have to ask NPS what the appropriations were for. However, Pearce couched this by saying that all the NPS Alaska Park superintendents visited Congress frequently and it was common practice in Alaska to speak with committee members directly or have them contact the Parks staff directly with funding questions.

Marcia Blaszak or Chuck Gilbert told Pearce that prior to the passing of the original legislation [redacted] told NPS staff that she had in her possession the Centennial Group's appraisals on the Arcade and Old Solly's properties and she was questioning why they were so different from the Governments' appraisals.

Pearce knew that NPS Chuck Gilbert felt a lot of pressure from the Senator's Office to comply with the

[3] The same law that mandated NPS to purchase the seven parcels of property in Seward for the MLC also required that the City of Seward vacate a portion of Washington Street for the construction of the MLC.
[4] Section 438 of Public Law 109-54 passed 07/26/2005.

legislation and he felt caught in the middle.

Pearce had no additional information and the interview was ended. A digital recording was made of the interview with the knowledge and consent of Drue Pearce and this recording will be placed into evidence.

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SYNOPSIS

Between 05/23/2007 and 05/29/2007 Department of Interior Office of Inspector General (DOI/OIG) Special Agen[redacted]eviewed the emails of Drue Pearce, former DOI Office of the Secretary Senior Advisor to the Secretary for Alaska Affairs. [redacted]Criminal Research Analyst, Program Integrity Division, DOI/OIG, Washington, D.C. obtained the e-mails through Zantaz, Inc. Information Retention & Discovery Management Solutions, a government contractor dealing in e-mail archiving. The emails included all email received or sent by Pearce between the dates of April 1, 2003 and December 30, 2005 from her government email account.

DETAILS

A search of the email was conducted using the following key words:

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Trevor McCabe
Senator Stevens
Stevens
Seward
Kenai Fjords National Park
[redacted]
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ASLC
Alaska Sea Life Center
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MLC land acquisition negotiations between NPS and the Centennial Group, one of those concerns being the inflated asking price(s) by the Group. The letter also indicated that NPS had already acquired enough property without the Arcade and Old Sollys parcels to proceed with MLC construction and design. Pearce replied that [redacted] should stress the percent above appraised value being asked by the Centennial Group and the fact that NPS had already acquired sufficient property for the project.

15. On 04/01/2005 Pearce sent a follow-up e-mail t[redacted]o inquire if the Committee letters referenced in Item 14 went out.
16. E-mail correspondence dated 04/11/2005 from [redacted] to Drue Pearce shows that Pearce received and declined an invitation to attend a reception to welcom[redacted] into[redacted]ew position on the Commerce Committee.
17. E-mail correspondence dated 05/02/2005 from Drue Pearce to [redacted] and [redacted] Subject: Trip to Juneau. Pearce referenced a recent telephone conversation with [redacted] Alaska Senate President about her potential testimony before a State Joint Committee hearing.
18. An e-mail dated 05/09/2005 from DOI Cam Toohey t[redacted] cc: Drue Pearce requesting an update on the status of the NPS Seward letter to Congress.
19. On 05/10/2005 Pearce sent an e-mail to Senator Stevens staffer [redacted] in response to [redacted] inquiry on the status of the purchase of the remaining property for the MLC. [redacted] expressed the importance of getting this done in order to obtain construction funds for the project. Pearce was not aware of the status but said she would inquire.
20. An e-mail dated 05/10/2005 fro[redacted] to Drue Pearce. Pearce was attempting to make an ethics determination on whether she could attend a luncheon on 05/18/05 benefiting the NPS Morris Thompson Cultural and Visitors Center. The event was hosted by Senator Ted Stevens, Senator Lisa Murkowski, Congressman Don Young, and Alaska Governor Frank Murkowski and the invitation was extended by BP.
21. An e-mail dated 06/03/2005 from Paul Hoffman to Drue Pearce, subject: Re: Seward Land Deal. Pearce and Hoffman discussed the final editing efforts by [redacted] on the Seward Congressional Committee letters. Pearce asked Hoffman if NPS should go back and make one final offer to the Centennial Group. Hoffman voiced [redacted] uncertainty about whether the transfer of surplus funds to the City of Seward was contingent upon the City vacating Washington Street.
22. E-mail correspondence dated 07/12/2005 and 07/13/2005 between City of Seward lobbyist Brad Gilman [redacted] and Drue Pearce regarding the upcoming Washington D.C. visit by Seward Mayor Vanta Shafer. The attached schedule showed that Shafer was slated to meet with Senator Stevens at 2 pm on 07/20/2005. Gilman scheduled time for Shafer to meet with Pearce (in lieu of Anne Castellina who recently retired) to discuss the status of the proposed NPS facility in Seward. Gilman indicated hearing rumors that Pearce and DOI Cam Toohey were "very unhappy with the lobbying efforts of one of the owner groups on Capital Hill." Pearce responded that she didn't have a problem with "Dale and Trevor, the two she knew – trying to get the best deal possible for their property." She did comment that she felt they speculated a bit further than was wise when they purchased the properties. She expressed frustration with the inconsistency between DOI agencies on their ability or inability to make above appraisal offers on properties. Pearce also made the claim that "**We also were unhappy with legislation that tried to force DOI to buy all seven properties when we only needed three. It appeared that the Park Service had perhaps actually supported that language.**"
23. E-mail correspondence dated 06/17/2005 from Chuck Gilbert to Drue Pearce and others regarding the 06/08/2005 final offer to the Centennial Group. Gilbert referenced a telephone call he received from Centennial Group membe[redacted] hat day indicating that the

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Tylan Schrock
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Brad Gilman

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The following documents were found with potential relevance to this investigation:

1. An e-mail dated 04/28/2003 from Cam Toohey to DOI employe[redacted] in which Toohey forwarded original correspondence between Drue Pearce and Mining and Minerals Management Service (MMS) employee Walter Cruickshank, subject: A Dinkum Sands goat rope. In the original correspondence Pearce was seeking additional information concerning how MMS manages monies designated for the North Pacific Research Board (NPRB). Pearce provided historical background on how the NPRB and its funding mechanisms were established by Senator Ted Stevens. Pearce described the NPRB as a "pet project" of Stevens. Pearce indicated that she hadn't contacted Stevens about the funding issue because she wasn't sure what investment rules MMS was required to follow.
2. E-mail correspondence dated 05/27/2003 through 05/30/2003 between Drue Pearce[redacted] Executive Director US Arctic Research Commissio[redacted] North Pacific Research Advisory Board, and [redacted] with CC's to Cam Toohey, Trevor McCabe and others. Discussed was the NPRB investment policy. NPRB Exective Director [redacted] suggested going directly to Senator Stevens to request a legislative fix for their problem. Pearce admonished [redacted] that solutions without legislation are always the best way to go. Pearce also advised Stevens may not be able to help because the NPRB cash flow was from a wholly federal account, verses the "EVOS" money which was a joint state/federal court settlement.
3. An e-mail dated 07/24/2003 from then Kenai Fjords National Park Superintendent Anne Castellina to Drue Pearce with CC's to Cam Toohey, [redacted] and Marcia Blaszak, subject: Re: Meeting with [redacted] next week. Castellina was clarifying issues for the proposed Multi-Agency facility in Seward. Castellina confirmed that NPS had already purchased six lots near the former University proposed site which they could use for parking for the new project site. Castellina stated, **"When I told [redacted] last year that the University had not only pulled their spaces out of the project but that they had also decided not to sell the land and building to u[redacted] wasn't too concerned. [redacted] never liked the University site anyway."** Castellina continued, **"Senator Stevens sent NPS a letter saying that we were OK to use some of our planning and design money to bring our A&E firm (The Portico Group from Seattle) into this new expanded venture."** Castellina expounded o[redacted] role in this venture while describing the site plan, **which included a conference center because [redacted] told us [redacted] wanted us to include one in our planning for our facility"**. Castellina finally described the City of Seward's position on the proposed facilities when she stated "Seward has made construction of our facility their number one legislative priority. They have been lobbying hard for it in DC and I expect them to continue to do so."
4. An e-mail dated 09/24/2003 from Drue Pearce to Cam Toohey, subject: Re: Senate Passage of 2004 Interior Appropriations Bill. Pearce responded to an unidentified statement, "no! And according t[redacted] Senator Stevens will try to jettison the House language."
5. An e-mail dated 02/20/2004 from DO[redacted] to Cam Toohey, subject [redacted]

Borough Manager, Matanuska-Susitna (Mat-Su) Borough. [redacted] recounted a meeting between him, Toohey, and Mat-Su Borough Manage[redacted] briefed them on the Borough's partnership with NPS and the State of Alaska on "Southside Development planning activities" and projects which included a road upgrade/improvement project @ $16 million and a Visitor's Center @ $18 million. [redacted] discussed a planned meeting in DC with Senator Stevens, Congressman Young and [redacted] to discuss projects on 02/25/2004 and 02/26/2004.

6. An e-mail dated 10/31/2003 from Senator Stevens' staffe[redacted] to Cam Toohey, subject: FW: Committee Approves FY04 Interior Appropriations Bill[redacted] ttached and old Interior Appropriations press release from Stevens' Press Office that was published on 07/10/2003 with the caveat that a more recent version may be forthcoming. The press release subject was "Committee Approves FY 04 Interior Appropriations Bill" and listed items requested by Senator Stevens and approved by the Senate Appropriations Committee for FY 04. Stevens appropriated $900,000 to the Fish and Wildlife Service for the Alaska Sea Life Center (ASLC) Eider duck recovery and another $900,000 for sea otter research through the ASLC. There was no mention of any appropriated monies for the Multi-Agency Center project in Seward, AK.[1]
7. E-mail correspondence dated 06/08/2005 and 06/09/2005 between Chuck Gilbert, Drue Pearce, [redacted] subject: Fw: Final Offer to Centennial Group. Gilbert advised that NPS **"may well need to use some of the funds remaining after land acquisition for design, as provided for in the legislation."** In other strands of this e-mail chain NPS solicitor [redacted] voiced concern that NPS may not be able to reject the Centennial Groups' Old Sollys property simply because the Centennial Group wouldn't accept NPS' maximum price on the Arcade property.
8. An e-mail dated 05/25/2005 from [redacted] to Cam Toohey, subject: Seward multi-agency facility. [redacted] forwarded e-mail correspondence between Drue Pearce and Senator Stevens' staffe[redacted] written the same day. Pearce described the dilemma faced by NPS if they were to purchase land in Seward in excess of what was needed for the Mary Lowell Center (MLC). Pearce further commented, "**Anne Castellina says she begged [redacted] [redacted] to change the prescriptive language that required NPS to buy all the lots last year, to no avail.**" [redacted] advised that Senator Stevens would be traveling to Seward the next week[redacted] wanted to know the status of the MLC facility and whether DOI had cleared the purchase of the remaining buildings[redacted] advised, **"We would like to have this done before the boss gets there. He is not very pleased with NPS at the moment."**
9. E-mail correspondence dated 06/02/2005 through 06/06/2005 between [redacted] Marcia Blaszak, Drue Pearce, Anne Castellina, and Paul Hoffman. Pearce had a discussion with Senator Stevens' staffer[redacted] bout the status of the Centennial Group properties in Seward. According to Pearce[redacted] was comfortable with NPS making a final offer to purchase the properties and, if the offer was rejected, transferring any remaining acquisition monies to the City of Seward so that the City could decide what to do with the Centennial Group properties. NPS was to determine a reasonable final asking price and get Paul Hoffman's approval before contacting the Centennial Group. Hoffman admonished Jeff Mow not to get "too far in front before we have our policy ducks in a row." Castellina indicated that

[1] $2.3 million was appropriated in FY 04 Omnibus/Transportation Appropriations Bill for Kenai Fjords National Park Resurrection Bay Trail and Parking Improvements in Seward, AK (Public Law 108-199, Section 115). The statute provided that funds made available under Section 115 may be transferred by the Transportation Secretary to another Federal agency to carry out a project funded under this section, such funds to then be administered by the procedures of the Federal agency to which such funds may be transferred. Senator Stevens then made a floor statement (Congressional Record Senate – January 22, 2004) that made Section 115 funds available to NPS for the acquisition of a specific parcel of property for the Seward multi-agency visitor center in Seward, AK.

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Synopsis: Provide information as a result of interviews conducted the week of November 5-9, 2007 with Department of Interior (DOI) Special Agent (SA) [redacted] b6 b7C

Details: On November 5, 2007 SA [redacted] met with DOI SA [redacted] to conduct interviews concerning the appropriation of federal earmarked monies to the Alaskan Sea Life Center (ASLC) utilized to purchase two pieces of property in Seward, AK owned by former SENATOR TED STEVENS [redacted] It should be noted that SA [redacted] recorded each of the interviews and advised [redacted] would provide the FBI a copy of [redacted] DOI reports after they were completed. Below is a short paragraph describing each interview. b6 Per Interior b6 b7C

The first interview conducted on 11/05/2007 was with [redacted] The interview took place at the law firm of BIRCH, HORTON, and BITTNER and CHEROT, 1127 West Seventh, Anchorage, AK.

On 11/07/2007 the following interview was conducted with [redacted] at the Law Office of BIRCH, HORTON, BITTNER, CHEROT. [redacted] who resides at [redacted] Cherrywood Lane, Seward, AK [redacted] b6 Per Interior b7C b6 b7C advised [redacted] primarily handles issues associated with [redacted] is also the DON YOUNG FISHING INVITATIONAL

which occurs every August in Seward, AK.

Also interviewed on 11/07/2007 was
Anchorage, AK and has a date of birth of and
Social Security Account Number of is
has been on the since
advised that when the ASLC was going to
received earmarked legislation for the purchase of properties
owned by , she asked ASLC
to be sure to do due diligence on both properties to avoid any
scrutiny from the community. According to , she was
comfortable with answers to the board regarding
properties and felt the necessary due diligence had
been completed.

On 11/08/2007, was interviewed at the
ASLC in Seward, AK. resides at
Seward, AK. Also present was attorney
of BIRCH, HORTON, BITTNER and CHEROT. primary
role at the is as the . She also works
provided
information regarding
concluded that
neither side made any money off of the partnership and shared
that information with

On 11/08/2007, was interviewed at the in Seward, AK.
resides at Seward, AK with
a home phone number of Also present for the
interview was attorney of BIRCH, HORTON, BITTNER
and CHEROT. advised that his responsibilities
consist of managing and supervising the
advised he knows and
has had some contact with
SENATOR TED STEVENS. main
contact regarding the Arcade property at the
had approximately a dozen contacts
with during the period of the Arcade acquisition.
completed some due diligence on the property
before it was purchased to determine a In
doing so,

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INVESTIGATIVE ACTIVITY REPORT

Case Title	Case Number
Alaska Sea Life Center	PI-OR-07-0234-I
Reporting Office	**Report Date**
Program Integrity Division	January 31, 2008
Report Subject	
Interview o	

About 1000, January 24, 2008, FBI Special Agen nd I interviewed for Senator Ted Stevens, Anchorage, AK, regarding knowledge of legislation related to the acquisition of land by the National Parks Service (NPS) in Seward, AK.

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worked in the Senator's Washington, D.C. office from until left for the Anchorage office in During the time that worked in Washington, D.C. normally traveled to Alaska about 5 times per year.

said that Senator Stevens normally traveled to Alaska every 4-6 weeks. He generally returns during every congressional recess and for some special occasions, such as events involving local soldiers. The duration of these trips varies from a short weekend trip to more than a week.

said that the number of staffers varies somewhat depending on the budget, but the Senator usually carries a staff of about 30. This staff consists of at least four Legislative Correspondents (LC's), Legislative Assistants (LA's), a Chief of Staff, and a Legislative Director.

said worked with when was on the Senator's Appropriations Committee. said they worked closely together; they evaluated funding requests from Alaskans

Reporting Official/Title	Signature
Special Agent	

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[redacted] said [redacted] did not know [redacted]

[redacted] said [redacted] worked extensively with Dru Pearce and Cam Toohey when they were with DOI [redacted] estimated [redacted] spoke with them about once per week. [redacted] said [redacted] was still in contact with Dru on energy related issues and Cam now works for Shell Oil, so [redacted] still maintains contact with him as well.

[redacted] said [redacted] had no personal relationship with NPS employees Anne Castellina, Marcia Blaszak or Vic Knox. [redacted] said [redacted] still speaks to Blaszak because she is the NPS Regional Director, but no longer speaks to Castellina. [redacted] did recall that Castellina had returned to DC on at least one occasion and they may have spoken on occasion via telephone.

[redacted] said [redacted] had no personal contact with lobbyists Brad Gilman, [redacted] or [redacted] b6 Per Interior b7C said that Gilman works on behalf of several Alaskan clients, so [redacted] has regular contact with him. [redacted] speaks with him the most of the three. [redacted] cannot recall ever meeting [redacted] but may have seen his name on email correspondence. [redacted] said [redacted] did not work with [redacted] consequently [redacted] normally works with Congressman Young's office. [redacted] said that [redacted] was involved in "8a" issues for Alaskan Corporations.

[redacted] said [redacted] did not work with North Pacific Research Board.

Regarding the investigation related to VECO and [redacted] was asked if [redacted] recalled any conference calls between Senator Stevens and [redacted] said [redacted] did not recall any conference calls.

[redacted] said [redacted] saw [redacted] in the Senator's office twice in Washington, D.C.; though [redacted] did not recall if [redacted] actually had a meeting with the Senator. When the Senator was in Alaska [redacted] knew he and [redacted] had conversations about the pipeline/PPT.

[redacted] said [redacted] did not know if [redacted] asked Senator Stevens to lobby congress on behalf of the pipeline/PPT. [redacted] said that as an Alaskan, Senator Stevens was in favor of Alaskan oil companies, but ultimately, he felt that outside competition was good for the market. [redacted] said the Senator wanted to encourage investment in Alaska. b6 Per FBI b7C

[redacted] said that [redacted] had the ability to walk into Senator Stevens' office without an appointment and without going through his staff. [redacted] said that [redacted] was one of the Senator's few close friends.

[redacted] said [redacted] knew nothing about the renovations to the Senator's home; though [redacted] knew generally that they had happened. [redacted] said the Senator never discussed them with his staff but he communicated to the staff that he did not think he had done anything wrong.

[redacted] was vaguely aware of a vehicle trade between Senator Stevens and [redacted] believed the Senator's [redacted] received a Land Rover.

[redacted] said [redacted] hadn't had any substantial conversations with [redacted] and did not think that [redacted] would know [redacted]

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Date of transcription 03/07/2008

[redacted] (protect identity), date of birth [redacted], home address [redacted] Alaska (AK), telephone number [redacted] was interviewed at [redacted] Seward, AK. After being advised of the nature of the interview and the identities of the agents, [redacted] provided the following information.

In [redacted] was hired at the [redacted] LAST NAME UNKNOWN but quickly became bored when she realized that [redacted] LNU was not [redacted] recalled SENATOR TED STEVENS and CONGRESSMAN DON YOUNG visiting the center on a number of occasions.

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In April 2007, the ASLC Board of Directors made the decision to discontinue working with UAF research scientists and revise their current Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). The ASLC Board of Directors wanted [redacted]

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[redacted] date of birth [redacted] Social Security Account Number [redacted] home address [redacted] home telephone number [redacted] was interviewed at the Rain Forest Internet Cafe in Seward, Alaska (AK). After being advised of the identities of the agents and the nature of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information.

[redacted] began her employment at the [redacted] and remained employed there until [redacted] was hired as the [redacted] and worked under [redacted] While employed as the [redacted] some of [redacted] responsibilities included [redacted] and [redacted]

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While discussing [redacted] advised that he traveled to Washington, D.C. to discuss federal appropriations with SENATOR STEVENS and the [redacted] While in DC, [redacted] sometimes met with representatives from the American Zoological Association. [redacted] arrangements were always coach class and never first class. [redacted] also [redacted] to fly to Seattle, Washington to meet with representatives from Princess Cruise Lines.

[redacted]

[redacted] was asked about the [redacted] acquisition of the [redacted] located in Seward, AK. [redacted] could not recall the details of the acquisition and advised that former employee [redacted]

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unsure as to what funding source was used to purchase the property.

[redacted] advised she knows [redacted] but not personally. [redacted] did not think that [redacted] with the [redacted] recalled that [redacted] often called [redacted] for advice on various issues but could not recall any exact issue. [redacted] did not have any involvement in the [redacted] did not know which building in Seward, AK represented [redacted] The agents explained that it had been [redacted] the [redacted] said she was still not familiar with the whereabouts of that particular building.

[redacted] with the coordination of the [redacted] fishing invitational that occurs annually in August. [redacted] REPRESENTATIVE DON YOUNG's office but could not recall her name. [redacted] invitational. [redacted] did not know how much money was raised during the auction nor where the money was allocated afterwards.

[redacted] was asked whether or not anyone at the [redacted] had warned her that agents from the Department of Interior or the FBI might come by. [redacted] replied no but added that [redacted]

At the end of the interview, [redacted] added that she "loved" working at the [redacted] and felt that [redacted] was the best boss she has had. [redacted]

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Date of transcription 08/21/2008

[redacted] black male, was interviewed at the UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE (USAO), Ninth Floor, Boston, Massachusetts (MA). In attendance during this interview, was Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) [redacted] UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE (USAO), Boston, Special Agent (SA) [redacted] Criminal Investigation, Department of Treasury, INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE (IRS), Boston, the Writer and Attorney [redacted] with the law firm of MILLER, CANFIELD, PADDOCK , & STONE, 840 West Long Lake Road, Suite 200, Troy, Michigan, 48098, business telephone number [redacted] counsel for [redacted] This interview was conducted pursuant to a proffer agreement between the USAO, Boston and [redacted]. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing parties and the nature of the interview, [redacted] furnished the following information:

[redacted] is the [redacted] Detroit, Michigan, 48207, business telephone number [redacted] has been involved in the real estate business since the early 1970s. In 1974, [redacted] began selling commercial real estate. He started to acquire commercial real estate in 1978. In 1994, [redacted] got involved in the development of casinos in the Detroit area. [redacted] was involved with having a referendum placed on the state ballot. [redacted] went on to build 3 casinos in or around the Detroit area. [redacted] described himself as a Philanthropist. He has built approximately 130 Optomist Clubs all over the world. [redacted] described an Optomist Club as a civic-service organization, such as a youth center. [redacted] has also worked with the BAPTIST NATIONAL CONVENTION, handling economic development and budget matters.

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In or around 1998, [redacted] called [redacted] and told him about the MASHPEE WAMPANOAG INDIAN TRIBE (MWT) in Massachusetts. The MWT was working towards gaining Federal Tribal recognition and pursuing a gaming venture. [redacted] stated all they (Tribe) wanted was $10,000 a month. [redacted] agreed to meet with the Tribal Chief. [redacted] introduced [redacted] to then Tribal Chief [redacted] told [redacted] that the MWT was the Tribe that met the MAYFLOWER and that the Tribe had been unable to gain Federal Tribal recognition. [redacted] told [redacted] that he was willing to do all he could to help the MWT. [redacted] struck a deal with [redacted] which they wrote on a napkin. [redacted] stated

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for assistance with the MWT's recognition efforts. [redacted] and [redacted] told [redacted] that his job was to raise money and that they would run the show. In 2004, [redacted] became resigned to the fact that his way would not be used. His main function was to raise funding.

The last day of CLINTON's (former PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON) administration, a law suit addressing the MWT's Federal Tribal recognition was filed in Federal court. Around this time, lobbying efforts were directed at Congressman DON YOUNG of Alaska. This lobbying activity proved fruitless as YOUNG did nothing for the Tribe. YOUNG would not even send a letter to the BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS (BIA). Lobbying efforts were directed towards other senators more powerful than YOUNG who were contacting the BIA.

No one knew who the MWT were. [redacted] and [redacted] were working with the Tribe at the STATE HOUSE (Massachusetts). [redacted] with 21st CENTURY, were undertaking lobbying efforts in Washington, D.C. on behalf of the Tribe. [redacted] does not think that [redacted] were pushing for the Tribe to make campaign contributions.

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After [redacted] was let go by the Tribe, [redacted] was hired. [redacted] loved [redacted] had a political strategy to further the Tribes' Federal recognition efforts. [redacted] strategy was to use politicians to inform the BIA of the Tribe. Initially, [redacted] was paid approximately $10,000 per month. GRAHAM's monthly fee was eventually increased to approximately $20,000.

[redacted] recommended that the Tribe hire the lobbying firm of GREENBERG TRAURIG to assist in their (MWT) lobbying efforts in Washington, DC. [redacted] never met JACK ABRAMOFF, never spoke with him nor did he negotiate terms with ABRAMOFF. [redacted] had met and attended several meetings with [redacted] and [redacted] both with GREENBERG TRAURIG.

[redacted] and [redacted] often times got into cussing arguments about money over the telephone. For example, the Tribe did not pay him [redacted] the rent he was due from the Tribe's horse farm. [redacted] obtained a mortgage for the Tribe to purchase a horse farm. [redacted] placed approximately $36,000 into an account, which was the excess loan proceeds from the horse farm mortgage. The Tribe eventually spent the money and [redacted] was never reimbursed.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 11/25/2008

male, date of birth Social Security Account Number was interviewed at the UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE (USAO), Boston, Massachusetts (MA). In attendance during this interview was Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) USAO, Boston, Special Agent (SA) Criminal Division, Internal Revenue Division, INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE (IRS), the Writer and Attorney Counsel for After being advised of the identity of the interviewing parties and the nature of the interview, furnished the following information:

was born into the and grew up in attended and then attended graduated in 1985 with a degree in Following graduation, performed carpentry work with his father and other construction/labor jobs. In 1992, got married. In 1992 or 1993, took a correspondence course for through located in After completing this performed for one to one and one half years. In 1993, opened a operated this until 1997. was also doing commercial up until the time he was of the MWT in February 2000. When elected as Vice this became full-time job. has three (3) children; ages 11, 6 and 4.

Prior to 1998, performed security work at MWT Pow-Wows. ran for a Tribal Counsel position in 1998. ran for Tribal Counsel as he was always made aware of tribal politics by his mother. Once elected, started off on the Tribal Language Committee was asked why he ran for the . stated that pushed and himself into running for Chairman and Vice Chairman, respectively. ran for Vice

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contract. The initial contract called for a $10,000 a month payment from [redacted] to the Tribe. This money was to be used for Tribal operating expenses, legal expenses and consulting expenses. After 2000, the monthly payment increased.

The MWT adopted a new constitution around 2005. Under the new Tribal constitution, [redacted] Prior to the adoption of the new constitution, this position was referred to as [redacted] Prior to the MWT being incorporated, the Tribal Chief was in charge of all tribal aspects. The Chief's role was more traditional and was more geared towards promoting tribal culture.

When [redacted] received a [redacted]

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In 2000, [redacted] hired the law firms of STEPTOE & JOHNSON and HOBBS, STRAUS AND DEAN. In general, these law firms provided legal advice to the Tribe, worked on the Tribe's Federal recognition petition, and dealt with the BIA. With respect to the lobbying efforts on behalf of the Tribe, [redacted] recommended the Tribe hire two lobbyists in Washington, D.C., [redacted] and [redacted] were brought in as Lobbyists who knew Congressmen and Senators who had connections with the BIA. [redacted] was asked to identify his role in the Tribe's lobbying efforts. [redacted] stated that [redacted] himself, and sometimes [redacted] traveled to Washington, D.C. to meet with Senators and Congressmen. They would go to their offices and introduce themselves mainly to staff members. They would tell the staff members about the Tribe, the Tribe's needs and the Tribe's Federal Recognition Petition. The Tribe wanted [redacted] to introduce the Tribe to the appropriate Congressmen and Senators who could help them with their various needs relating to their Federal recognition petition and grants. Often times, [redacted] would have the Tribal members just show up at the offices of a certain Congressman and Senator unannounced. Eventually, [redacted] and [redacted] were let go.

The Tribe spoke with Congressman DON YOUNG from Alaska. YOUNG sent some letters to the BIA on behalf of the Tribe. The

Tribe also spoke with [redacted] stated that [redacted] helped the Tribe a lot.

If a Congressman or Senator had a military background, [redacted] usually spoke to him about his [redacted] military background. [redacted] stated that [redacted] did the "usual stick". [redacted] told the same stories since the first time they had met. [redacted]s stories rarely changed. If the Congressman or Senator brought up the issue of military service, [redacted] would talk about his military background. [redacted] rarely brought up this subject first. [redacted] spoke about the decorations he received (three Purple Hearts, a Silver Star), Black Ops, being wounded, and being a Sniper. [redacted] also indicated that he was a Prisoner of War (POW), however, not officially. [redacted] stated he was not captured long enough to be designated as a POW. [redacted] brought up more stories depending on the person he was talking with. The last time [redacted] spoke of his [redacted] medals, was the Thursday before everything came out publicly about [redacted] background. [redacted] recalls [redacted] telling him that he [redacted] wanted him [redacted] to run things at the Tribe for a while. [redacted] stated that information regarding his rape conviction and military service would be made public. [redacted] asked [redacted] about what information was true and false about his military record. [redacted] told [redacted] that he could not provide any more details about his military record. This was one of the last conversations that [redacted] had with [redacted] believes this conversation occurred in September 2007. Generally, [redacted] military record was always discussed during meetings that [redacted] attended. [redacted] stated that "it was constant".

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[redacted] spoke about his military records at fund-raiser organized by [redacted] with [redacted] Boston. More recently, in 2007, [redacted] spoke of his military record while attending a meeting with two Board of Selectmen from Middleboro and during a meeting with the Middleboro Town Manager. [redacted] normally never spoke about the Silver Star. [redacted] talked mostly about being a sniper, his Purple Hearts, his tours of duty at Khesahn, and talked about people who saved his life. [redacted] stated he was wounded four or five times and received the Purple Heart. In September of 2007, [redacted] stated he could no longer talk about his military service as it was considered Black Ops.

[redacted] was asked when the issue of campaign contributions was first discussed. [redacted] recalls campaign contributions being discussed around the DON YOUNG time frame. It

was the idea of [redacted] to attend a fund-raiser in Alaska for DON YOUNG. At the time, YOUNG was the Chairman of Indian Affairs. [redacted] attended two fund-raiser in Alaska for YOUNG. The first year, the fund-raiser was attended by [redacted] The second year, YOUNG's fund-raiser was attended by [redacted] and [redacted] On both occasions, [redacted] made a campaign contribution to YOUNG's MID-NIGHT SUN PAC and the ALASKAN SEALIFE FOUNDATION. During both trips, [redacted] possibly had the opportunity to speak directly with YOUNG. During the time period that [redacted] was employed by the Tribe, [redacted] made more than 10 trips to Washington, D.C. to meet with Congressmen and Senators, such as KENNEDY, DELAHUNT, and staff members for YOUNG.

In late 2001 or early 2002, [redacted] somehow met [redacted] had worked for both HILARY CLINTON and KENNEDY. [redacted] and [redacted] had a meeting arranged by [redacted] at the Tribe's office in Mashpee. [redacted] stated that he was impressed with [redacted] brought [redacted] on as the other lobbyist/consultants were not working out. The Tribe's Federal Recognition Petition was not moving. [redacted] wanted [redacted] to get the BIA to move on the Tribe's petition.

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According to [redacted] the Tribe needed to work on building relationships within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. To assist in this endeavor, the firm of [redacted] was hired. [redacted] believed that it was necessary to build a rapport within the Commonwealth as the Tribe would have to enter into a compac with the State (Massachusetts) regarding the Tribe's proposed casino venture. [redacted] was the point of contact at [redacted] and [redacted] knew who the players were on Beacon Hill.

Everyone was frustrated that the Tribe's Federal Recognition Petition was not moving along quicker. [redacted] stated that they needed someone to help them with the BIA. [redacted] stated they were not aware of any one person who had contact with the BIA. This was around the time that the Tribe was introduced to JACK ABRAMOFF. [redacted] who was employed with ABRAMOFF's firm. [redacted] arranged a meeting with ABRAMOFF. This first meeting was attended by [redacted] possibly [redacted] and [redacted] The meeting took place at SIGNATURES RESTAURANT, which was owned by ABRAMOFF. During this meeting, ABRAMOFF was provided with background information on the Tribe and what had been done to

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Date of transcription 10/19/2007

[redacted] white male, date of birth [redacted] was interviewed at the FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (FBI), Lakeville Resident Agency, Lakeville, Massachusetts (MA). Also in attendance during this interview was Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) [redacted] UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, Boston, MA, Special Agent (SA) [redacted] INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE (IRS), Criminal Investigation, and Attorney [redacted] ROBERT E. CRAVEN & ASSOCIATES, 50 Park Road West, Suite 100, Providence, Rhode Island (RI), 02903, business telephone number (401)453-2700 and cellular telephone number [redacted] counsel for [redacted] After being advised of the identity of the interviewing parties, [redacted] furnished the following information:

AUSA [redacted]

[redacted] was [redacted]. [redacted] first contact with [redacted] occurred in the Spring of 1999, possibly March. [redacted] an individual who had worked for the MWT, introduced [redacted] to then [redacted] was on the [redacted] During the second meeting with [redacted] put out to vote as to whether the MWT should or should not sign a contract with [redacted] The Tribe voted to sign a contract with [redacted]. The initial contract was for a 6 month period, during which time, [redacted] would pay the MWT $10,000 per month. This money was paid to the MWT and was to be used for tribal related purposes. There were no stipulations placed on how the MWT could use these funds. [redacted] stated these funds were for governance of the MWT and whatever programs the MWT could squeeze out of the money. [redacted] was asked if these funds were to also be used for Federal Tribal recognition. [redacted] acknowledged that the funds were also to be used in furtherance of the MWT's efforts at gaining Federal Tribal recognition. The underlying belief was that the funds would be used for Federal Tribal recognition and the possible pursuit of gaming.

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stated that he could not say yes or no. [redacted] is uncertain as to what percentage of these funds were for personal use.

SA [redacted] identified several expenditures from [redacted] personal account [redacted] asked if the purchases made from DIAMANTA were [redacted] responded, "yes".

[redacted] was not asked [redacted] The first political contribution that [redacted] made was to the MIDNIGHT SUN PAC (Political Action Committee) for then Congressman DON YOUNG. YOUNG was the Chairmen of the HOUSE COMMITTEE on NATURAL RESOURCES. The HOUSE COMMITTEE on NATURAL RESOURCES had oversight responsibility for Indian Country and gaming. In addition, [redacted] made a contribution to the ALASKA SEA LIFE CENTER, the favorite charity of YOUNG's wife. Personal funds totaling approximately $2,600 and $5,000 ($1,300 and $2,500 individually) were issued by [redacted] to the MIDNIGHT SUN PAC and ALASKA SEA LIFE CENTER charity, respectively. [redacted] and [redacted] were reimbursed for each contribution from the MFA account.

[redacted] advised [redacted] on the majority of the political contributions that were to be made. [redacted] told [redacted] of the political entity that would receive the contribution, as well as, what the approximate amount of the contribution should be. [redacted] would go to friends and family members and have them issue personal checks made payable to the identified political entity. [redacted] would also issue a personal check. [redacted] would reimburse each person with funds from the MFA account. Individuals that [redacted] obtained political contribution checks from included his [redacted] and [redacted]. Through his association with the Tribe, [redacted] was aware that he [redacted], his [redacted] and [redacted] did not have the personal funds to make political contributions.

[redacted] advised [redacted] that he was a Vietnam Veteran, was present at the BATTLE OF KHE SANH and received various medals during his military service. [redacted] stated that he lied about his military service to other individuals. [redacted] stated he is a recovering alcoholic since 1989. Over the years, while at different gin mills and places like the VFW and AMERICAN LEGION HALL, [redacted] would exaggerate his military service during his

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Date of transcription 02/07/2008

[redacted] date of birth [redacted] Social Security Account Number (SSAN) [redacted] was interviewed at the Lakeville Resident Agency of the FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (FBI), Lakeville, Massachusetts (MA). [redacted]

Also in attendance during this interview was Attorney [redacted] Council for [redacted] and Special Agent (SA) [redacted] Criminal Division, INTERNAL REVENUE DIVISION. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing parties and the nature of the interview, [redacted] furnished the following information:

SA [redacted] provided [redacted] with three (3) computer printouts which list [redacted] personal expenditures for 2005, 2006 and 2007. The computer printouts are entitled, "Combined Personal Expenditures, [redacted] 2005", "Combined Personal Expenditures, [redacted] 2006" and "Combined Personal Expenditures, [redacted] 2007". [redacted] reviewed each computer printout and identified the expenditures which were related to MASHPEE WAMPANOAG TRIBE (MWT) business. [redacted] stated that all other listed expenditures were personal in nature. [redacted] proceeded to identify the MWT business related expenditures for 2005, 2006 and 2007:

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Prior to 2003, [redacted] does not recall being asked to make political contributions on behalf of the MWT. The first political contribution that [redacted] made was in July or August 2002 to the POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE (PAC) for then Congressman DON YOUNG, Alaska. YOUNG was Chairman of the House Committee on Resources. At the time, the MWT employed the services of [redacted] was at one time the Chief of Staff for YOUNG. [redacted] advised [redacted] that he, on behalf of the MWT, should consider helping YOUNG, meaning that the MWT should make a political contribution to YOUNG's PAC. [redacted] stated YOUNG was someone who possibly could assist the Tribe in its Federal recognition efforts somewhere down the road.

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[redacted] and [redacted] made a contribution to the MIDNIGHT SUN PAC and the ALASKA SEA LIFE CENTER. The ALASKA SEA LIFE CENTER was the favorite charity of YOUNG's wife. [redacted] received a packet from the MIDNIGHT SUN PAC through the United States mail at the office of MWT. The documents listed the amount of the contribution that was to be made. The cost (contribution to be made) to attend the fund raiser was $2,500 per person. [redacted] completed and forwarded the paperwork, along with a $2,500 personal check from [redacted] and himself. As instructed, [redacted] mailed the paperwork and checks to an office in Washington, D.C. or Alexandria, Virginia. [redacted] issued a check to [redacted] and himself from the MFA account as reimbursement for their personal contribution to the MIDNIGHT SUN PAC. The MIDNIGHT SUN PAC and ALASKA SEA LIFE CENTER fund-raisers were joint events. The cost to attend the ALASKA SEA LIFE CENTER fund-raiser was $1,300 per person. Both [redacted] and [redacted] issued a personal check made payable to the ALASKA SEA LIFE CENTER and in the amount of $1,300.

[redacted] flew out to Alaska to attend the ALASKA SEA LIFE CENTER fund- raiser. They each brought their personal check to the event. This fund-raiser included a tour of the ALASKA SEA LIFE CENTER and a fishing trip. Following this fund-raiser, [redacted] and [redacted] traveled by train back to Boston. The MIDNIGHT SUN PAC fund-raiser was held on the return trip. [redacted] issued a check to [redacted] and himself from the MFA account as reimbursement for their personal contribution to the ALASKA SEA LIFE CENTER fund-raiser.

[redacted] told [redacted] that we have to do this (make contributions). [redacted] told [redacted] that he needed to write two separate checks, made payable to MIDNIGHT SUN PAC and ALASKA SEA LIFE CENTER and in the amount of $2,500 and $1,300, respectively. [redacted] he would be reimbursed with funds from the MFA account.

In 2003, the MWT made a political contribution to the COUNCIL FOR REPUBLICAN ENVIRONMENTAL ADS (CREA). The CREA was a charity that advocated and fought for environmental rights. [redacted] was advised by JACK ABRAMOFF, with the firm of GREENBERG TRAURIG, that this was the favorite charity of [redacted], then Secretary of the Interior. ABRAMOFF and [redacted] were in agreement that the MWT should make a donation to this charity (CREA). ABRAMOFF and [redacted] suggested a figure of $50,000. MARSHALL had a check issued from the MFA account in the amount of $50,000 and made payable to CREA. No issue was raised about this donation being made by a corporation (MWT). [redacted] believes he gave the MFA check to [redacted] who in turn, forwarded the check to ABRAMOFF. It's [redacted] belief that ABRAMOFF wanted to give the check to [redacted] personally so he could tell her the check was from his people.

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Around the end of 2002 or early 2003, [redacted] was brought on board to assist the MWT in its Federal recognition efforts. In late 2003, at the direction of [redacted] MWT retained the services of [redacted] dealt with [redacted] from late 2003 through mid/late 2004. [redacted] was brought on board as the MWT's Federal recognition efforts were not moving ahead and ABRAMOFF was described as a person who could greatly assist in the Tribe's recognition efforts. [redacted] recalled attending 4 or 5 meetings with ABRAMOFF. ABRAMOFF assigned a specific team to assist the MWT in its Federal recognition efforts. The team included [redacted]

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[redacted] date of birth [redacted] SSAN [redacted] was interviewed at the Boston Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning his contacts with, among others, lobbyists JACK ABRAMOFF, [redacted] Present with [redacted] was his attorney, [redacted]. After being provided with the identity of the interviewing Agents and the purpose of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information voluntarily:

[Agent's Note: SA [redacted] provided [redacted] through his attorney, documents for review prior to the interview. Those documents are referred to herein, and attached hereto].

When asked how it was that he [redacted] first developed a relationship with GREENBERG TRAURIG (GT), [redacted] explained his connection to [redacted] and [redacted] and the [redacted] litigation history. [redacted] told [redacted] to go to Washington, D.C. to find a guy who could get their fight for recognition done. Prior, they had [redacted] and others working for the tribe, but [redacted] wanted them fired.

[redacted] went to D.C. and said that he found the guy, [redacted]. They referred to ABRAMOFF as "The Rabbi". [redacted] had met with this Democrat guy, name unknown, at THE MONOCLE in D.C., and this person recommended ABRAMOFF. They were advised that ABRAMOFF had an "in" with [redacted] was well-connected to the Republican party, and had ties with GROVER NORQUIST. [redacted] does not recall there being any mention of ABRAMOFF's connections to any Congressmen or the Department of Justice.

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[redacted] knows that [redacted] was on the transition team and was highly thought of by DOJ. [redacted] said that [redacted] was offered a position under Attorney General JOHN ASHCROFT. [redacted] never saw any evidence of that relationship, however.

[redacted] was the impetus for the tribe going to GT. [redacted] was a heavy-hitter, a top Democratic fundraiser, and had connections to the party. [redacted] worked within the CLINTON Administration, so [redacted] believes [redacted] was familiar with [redacted].

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by SA [redacted] ls

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[redacted] said that the Republicans would do nothing unless the Democrats supported it.

The House Resources Committee was the key committee for the [redacted] effort. [redacted] met with [redacted] Congressman RICHARD POMBO's counsel. [redacted] was also on the Committee. [redacted] was sympathetic to the issues. [redacted] knew [redacted] from meetings with DON YOUNG.

[redacted] and [redacted], another POMBO staffer, even came out and met with the tribe. [redacted] was impressed by this. The meeting was supposed to happen on a Friday, when [redacted] suddenly got a call that [redacted] and [redacted] were at the [redacted] reservation instead. [redacted] was very upset when he heard this. The next day, however, the staff made arrangements to come down to the Cape (Cape Cod). The MASHPEE were having a clambake that day. [redacted] and [redacted] showed up and the Elders of the tribe told the tribe's story. [redacted] was visibly mad about the story. He [redacted] was ready to call the GAO right then. [redacted] told him not to. [redacted] then said that he would talk to POMBO. POMBO canceled a number of meetings with the tribe, but then set up a meeting at the [redacted].

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At the [redacted] meeting were [redacted] and [redacted] wife, [redacted] and his wife; [redacted] and [redacted] did not know the [redacted] were [redacted] clients until [redacted] said that the MASHPEE were in good hands with GT and said that GT would do a good job.

No one at GT told him that they had a relationship with [redacted] or POMBO. [redacted] found out from [redacted] that GT represented a number of tribes, so [redacted] figured the tribes were there for a reason. [redacted] figured [redacted] was close to POMBO, however, just because of [redacted] body language when he was with POMBO.

[redacted] is a funny, quiet and intellectual guy. [redacted] drafted the talking points for the Resource Committee, [redacted] and [redacted] a Representative from Washington State. [redacted] called [redacted] when the ABRAMOFF stuff happened and said that they all need to distance themselves from ABRAMOFF.

[redacted] was asked why the tribe went to Congressman JOHN T. DOOLITTLE for assistance. [redacted] advised that DOOLITTLE was a California Congressman and was important because there are a number

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On November 3, 2004, [redacted], Aqua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, 600 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way, Palm Springs, California, was contacted at the tribal administrative offices. [redacted] was advised of the official identities of the interviewing government officials and that the purpose of the interview concerned the tribal business association with Jack Abramoff and [redacted]. Thereafter, [redacted] provided the following information:

It should be noted that [redacted] was interviewed in the presence of attorney [redacted] Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, 1333 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W, Washington, D.C.,20036-1564, telephone 202/887-4000, representing the AC Tribal Council. Also present and participating in the interview was attorney [redacted] United States Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. and Special Agent [redacted] Department of Interior, Office of Inspector General, Sacramento, California.

[redacted] is comprised of five members. The Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Secretary/Treasurer serve two year terms. Two members are elected to one year terms.

In 1977, [redacted] In 1978, [redacted] In 1982, [redacted]

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[redacted] first met Jack Abramoff in February or March of 2002 following a tribal council work session. [redacted] expected to go to lunch with the other members of the tribal council. However, [redacted] and [redacted] excused themselves claiming to have made other arrangements for lunch.

Once at the restaurant, [redacted] noticed [redacted] and [redacted] seated at a table with an unknown man. [redacted] approached the table to speak to them. Neither [redacted]

Investigation on 11/03/2004 at Palm Springs, CA

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by SA [redacted] (315jks02.04)

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The AC requested an internal investigation by an outside law firm with expertise in tribal election law. No update has been provided to the tribal council concerning the ongoing investigation.

[redacted] was sued by a vendor according to one email discovered in the investigation. [redacted] has no knowledge of any vendor law suit against [redacted].

[redacted] invited [redacted] to go on an Alaskan fishing trip with legislator Don Young. [redacted] was Young's former [redacted]. [redacted] was to pay his own way for the trip. No money was to be taken from tribal funds for the trip. Initially, [redacted] intended to go on the trip but was unable to make the trip. The AC did not pay for Young's fishing trip.

On April 8, 2003, the AC tribal council authorized a $10,000 payment to an event in Rancho Mirage, California. The event was held at the Lodge at Rancho Mirage and was supported by Young.

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[redacted] does not know and has never met [redacted] met Congressman Doolittle, the husband of [redacted] at Senator Campbell's hearings concerning the Auburn tribe's bid for federal recognition. The AC had no relationship with [redacted] or her firm known as Sierra Dominion Financial Solutions, Inc. to the best of [redacted] knowledge.

[redacted] does not know why a $6,612,90 expense dated 9/1/02 for Sierra Dominion Financial Solutions, Inc. is listed on the GT expense invoice dated 10/8/02. The $6,612.90 expense was paid on 10/18/02 by AC check 4998 as part of a $160,998.28 GT expense invoice.

[redacted] (phonetic) and [redacted] were subcontractors to [redacted] supposedly for the benefit of the AC.

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[redacted] was interviewed at the law office of GREENBERG TRAURIG in Miami, Florida, in the presence of attorneys [redacted] provided the following information:

[redacted] has a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from [redacted] and a Master's degree in [redacted]. Prior to his employment at PBSJ, [redacted] which specialized in [redacted] and [redacted]

In April 1989, PBSJ acquired [redacted], and [redacted] began working at PBSJ as the [redacted]. He later became the [redacted] and was responsible for roads, airports, and other transportation programs.

In 2001, PBSJ reorganized, and [redacted] became a [redacted] and [redacted]. In October 2004, [redacted] was promoted to the [redacted] no longer has any operational duties and [redacted]

As [redacted] oversees the PAC program in his region. He reviews political contribution request forms and if he approves, sends them to corporate for final approval from upper management. In the course of his career, [redacted] has only attended about five to seven political events. He made personal contributions to the candidates when attending these functions.

In 2003, [redacted] was asked by a corporate officer or possibly his administrative assistant to attend a political function for Congressman DON YOUNG. [redacted] agreed to attend. [redacted] was shown [redacted] The host committee included [redacted] from the CSA GROUP, a consulting engineering firm that PBSJ may have done some business with.

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by SA [redacted]

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Before [redacted] attended the DON YOUNG function, [redacted] came to his office and handed him a $500 check. [redacted] said [redacted] wanted you to have this. [redacted] understood that he would be writing a personal check for the fundraiser, but he did not know he would get reimbursed and was surprised when he received the check. [redacted] identified [redacted] never discussed the reimbursement with anyone at PBSJ.

[redacted] was shown [redacted] He identified the form as the standard check request form and believes the handwriting is [redacted]

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[redacted] will provide agents with a copy of the personal check he wrote payable to DON YOUNG.

The following was obtained through interview and observation:

Name: [redacted]
DOB:
SSAN:
Race/Sex: White/Male
Address: [redacted]
Alexandria, Virginia 22309
Home phone:
Work phone:
Cell phone: [redacted]

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was interviewed at the law offices of GREENBERG TRAURIG in Miami, Florida, in the presence of his attorney, . Also present during the interview were GREENBERG TRAURIG attorneys all representing PBSJ. Assistant United States Attorney Miami, Florida, was also present during the interview and explained to prior to the interview that interview was voluntary, he did not have to answer any questions, and any information he provided could be used against him in court. After stated that he understood the parameters of the interview, provided the following information:

has a Bachelor of Science degree in from the which received in 1973. That same year, began working for PBSJ in Miami as an Around 1978, transferred to the Hollywood office and in 1984 moved to PBSJ's Clearwater office, becoming the During the early 1990's, spent a lot of time traveling to New Jersey, Maryland and Washington, D.C., to Around 1997 or 1998, became the of PBSJ and in 2000 became PBSJ's Around January of 2002, when retired as chairman, became of PBSJ and became the chairman and CFO. became CFO around January of 2004, and remained chairman. In January, 2005, retired and became and became president. Since the mid 1990's, has been a

identified SEMINOLE DEVELOPMENT as a subsidiary of PBSJ Corp that was started in the 1980's for real estate investments. thinks SEMINOLE leased some of this real estate back to PBSJ to get some tax benefit. SEMINOLE has no employees although it does have a board. thinks that is the chairman and that at the January annual meetings of PBSJ's boards, officers are named for SEMINOLE to meet legal requirements. SEMINOLE has no board meetings and PBSJ Corp, as the single share holder of SEMINOLE, makes all decisions for SEMINOLE.

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Investigation on 10/05/06 at Miami, Florida

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by SA

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[redacted] has no knowledge of [redacted] being reimbursed for a $2,000 contribution to United States Senator MAX CLELAND in March of 2002, other than having recently seen documents pertaining to that contribution.

PBSJ did not have a federal PAC until 2003, which [redacted] started by having voluntary payroll deductions from PBSJ officers. At the January, 2003 annual PBSJ board meeting in San Antonio, Texas, [redacted] gave a power point presentation as part of a session concerning business development. The theme of this power point presentation was that PBSJ wanted to move towards making contributions from PACs.

Prior to 2003, PBSJ could not give contributions to federal candidates or campaigns because corporate contributions were prohibited. Any checks had to be made by individuals, and if [redacted] or anyone else reimbursed any of these individual contributions to federal candidates for campaigns, it was not with the permission of [redacted] or anyone else that he knows at the company.

[redacted] also stated that he was unaware of any reimbursement being made to PBSJ employee [redacted] for a $500 contribution he made in January, 2003 to United States Congressman DON YOUNG. After reviewing [redacted] The notation that [redacted] said that he would have wanted anyone at PBSJ making out a personal check to YOUNG in January, 2003 to know that a PBSJ employee had previously supported YOUNG with an individual contribution. This was not a recommendation of a dollar amount for an individual employee to give to YOUNG, since [redacted] did not ask people to write checks to candidates for certain dollar amounts. [redacted] became aware of [redacted] being reimbursed for this contribution after the embezzlement investigation at PBSJ started in March of 2005, and did not give [redacted] authorization to reimburse [redacted] or anyone else.

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CORRUPTION OF STATE AND LOCAL
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This matter was a continuation into the investigation of contributions to the campaign of State of Wisconsin Governor James Doyle and the influence on the awarding of contracts. A decision was made to spin off a new case from the Georgia [redacted] matter.

[redacted] was the [redacted] of JHT Holdings, Inc., a multi-state speciality transportation and logistics enterprise, based in Kenosha, Wisconsin. In addition to building a net worth estimated to be in excess of [redacted] be involved in the Wisconsin gaming industry. Beginning in 1989, [redacted] was in pursuit of a [redacted] in Kenosha through [redacted] Kenosha Gateway Development Limited Partnership. After the [redacted] was awarded to another group, [redacted] would make a second run at securing a stake in Wisconsin [redacted] ten years later.

[redacted] and Chicago investors, partnered in a venture known as NII-JII Entertainment,LLC (NII-JII) with the Menominee Indians of Wisconsin, to pursue a casino in Kenosha. NII-JII's efforts to obtain approval for the casino gaming license failed in 2001, when interim Governor Scott McCallum advised he would not support any attempt to expand gaming in the State of Wisconsin. Background investigations into the NII-JII investors revealed some of the Chicago investors had ties to organized crime.

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After [redacted] failed attempt to obtain a casino gaming license in 2001, [redacted] Kenesah Gaming Development (Kenesah). Kenesah partnered up with the Menominee and the Mohegan Tribal Indians of Connecticut in to build a $808 million entertainment center and casino in Kenosha. The casino was nominally to be run by the Menominee, while the Mohegans brought the financial backing. Once the project had received the approval, from the Bureau of Indian Affairs Office of Gaming Management in Washington, D.C., all that was required for the casino to become a reality under Wisconsin law was signature of the governor.

[redacted] had been a contributor to both Democratic and Republican candidates and parties at local, state, and federal levels. While in pursuit of the [redacted] contributed to Republican Governor Tommy Thompson. In the 2002, after Thompson left office, [redacted] threw his support in the governor's race behind the Wisconsin Attorney General Jim Doyle. On September 5, 2002, five days prior to the Wisconsin primary election, [redacted] Johnson Houston Partners (JHP), issued [redacted] The following day, [redacted] the Doyle campaign. The JHP disbursements to the [redacted] were characterized as "loans", however, no promissory notes were issued and no interest or principal payments were made until January 2007 when the FBI questioned [redacted]

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On [redacted] through JHP, [redacted] issued a [redacted] wrote a [redacted] check and a [redacted] check, to the Doyle campaign. Again, the JHP disbursement was characterized as a "loan", yet no promissory note was signed and no interest or principal payments were made until January 2007.

On [redacted] wrote a series of [redacted] with the word "loan" written in the memo portion. [redacted] without any notation in the memo portion of the check. On that same day, all [redacted] each wrote out a [redacted] check to the federal account of the Democratic Party of Wisconsin. In addition, [redacted] check to the Democratic Party of Wisconsin.

Under Wisconsin and federal laws, financial contributions to political candidates and parties are restricted.

[redacted]

A contribution to a candidate for governor in Wisconsin was limited to $10,000 per election cycle, while a contribution to a political party for direct campaign activity was limited to $5,000. In addition, under Wisconsin law, an individual is prohibited from providing money, directly or indirectly to another individual for the purpose of making a campaign contribution.

[redacted] filed his application with the State of Wisconsin for an [redacted] in January 2005. The [redacted] application required the submission of financial information to the State's Office of Indian Gaming and Regulatory Compliance. In response to a series of questions requesting [redacted] to identify loans or gifts in excess of $10,000, he either made or gave and to disclose all loans, notes, and other receivables held, [redacted] failed to list any of the above referenced distributions of funds [redacted]

On January 12, 2007, in an interview conducted by the FBI, [redacted] provided the following information:

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Although acknowledging the source of [redacted] campaign contributions were distributions from JHP, [redacted] he denied any attempt on his part to circumvent campaign contribution laws. Although acknowledging having family discussions as to what candidates shared the same vision of the family business and Kenosha, he denied ever having directed any family member to support a specific candidate. [redacted] denied ever having been extorted by any politician, characterizing campaign fund raisers soliciting contributions for their candidate as just the nature of their job. Campaign contributions by [redacted] to Don Young ($25,000) and James Oberstar($30,000), United States Representatives, from Alaska and Minnesota, respectively, were related to their support of the [redacted]

Upon becoming aware of the investigation, [redacted] sold off his interest in the Kenosha casino.

On March 1, 2007, a Federal Grand Jury returned an indictment charging [redacted] with violations of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1001 and 1341 (False Statement to the Government and Mail Fraud). The 1001 violation related to [redacted] interview by the FBI, while the 1341 violation related to omissions in [redacted] application to the State of Wisconsin for his [redacted]

[redacted]

On June 22, 2007, as the result of negotiations between the United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Wisconsin and [redacted] attorney, [redacted] agreed to plea to a two misdemeanor count information:

Count one charges on or about September 1, 2002 and on or about January 12, 2007, [redacted] did knowingly conspire with persons known and unknown to violate state and federal election laws through contributions for the benefit of the campaigns involving the governor of Wisconsin. [redacted] who had reached the contribution limit for his own personal contributions, provided money to [redacted] to make contributions to the federal account of the Democratic Party. All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, section 371.

Count two charges that on or about February 1, 2002 and on or about January 12, 2007, [redacted] actions included knowingly and willfully violating the Federal Election Campaign Act, including Title 2, United States Code (USC), sections 441a and 441f. [redacted] who had reached the contribution limit for his own personal contributions, provided money to [redacted] to make contributions to the presidential campaign of George W. Bush. All in violation of Title 18, USC, section 371.

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The plea agreement states [redacted] further agrees to fully and completely cooperate with the government in its investigation of this and related matters, and to testify truthfully and completely before the grand jury and at any subsequent trials or proceedings if asked to do so by the prosecution. The government agrees [redacted] testimony will be under a grant of immunity.

During a series of debriefings, [redacted] admitted during the period of approximately 2001 through 2004, he directed [redacted] to assemble a slush fund. The cash [redacted] accumulated in the fund was used to reimburse [redacted] for political contributions they made. [redacted] were reimbursed for in excess of [redacted] contributions they made. [redacted] directions to [redacted] was for him to do whatever he needed to do to generate cash for the fund. [redacted] the funds from JHT through the submission of check requests supported by false supporting documentation. [redacted] advised he never paid a bribe to a public official.

Based upon the information [redacted] was re interviewed. [redacted] admitted to lying to the FBI, in his earlier interview, when he denied ever having received funds from or provided funds to, another individual or entity, for the

purpose of making a political contribution. admitted to cash for the purpose of reimbursing individuals for campaign contributions they made. The source of the cash for the slush fund was an estimated from JHT over the period Project Management Consultants (PMC) as in the scheme. refund checks, due a JHT subsidiary, into business account. then proceeded to write out a series of checks made payable to which he used to generate cash for the slush fund. also identified another scheme in which kickback a portion of a pay raise they were granted. In addition to also reimbursing other as well as himself for political contributions. denied ever having paid any bribes to any public figures.

On September 4, 2007, an information was filed charging with violation of Title 2, USC, sections 441a,441b,441f, and 437(g)(d) and Title 2, USC, sections 441f and 437g(d)(1)(A)(ii) and Title 18, USC, section 2.

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On January 31, 2008, plead guilty to the counts contained in the information.

On February 1, 2008, agreed to plead guilty to an information charging him with violation of Title 2, USC, sections 441a, 441b and 437 (g)(d)(1)(A)(ii).

Through additional information provided by and Kenosha County, Kenosha, Wisconsin, obtained a series of cash payments from The cash payments were solicited in the context of position as and were taken by under the guise of campaign contributions for and another candidate. The total amount of cash payments received by was between None of the cash contributions were reflected on the Campaign Finance Reports filed. On February 12, 2008, a Federal Grand Jury returned an indictment charging with violation of Title 18, United States Code, section 666.

On March 17, 2008, was sentenced to 180 days supervised release.

On September 23, 2008 was sentenced to two years incarceration and two years supervised release.

The focus of the investigation then shifted to a Kenosha resident business including Shenanigan's liquor stores/bars and Sam's Amusement. Source information, corroborated by an analysis of financial records, indicated had funneled thousands of dollars of cash skimmed from his business operations to for the purpose of making contributions to his slate of candidates. A review of campaign finance reports indicated conduit contributions had been made to support at least eight candidates for the offices of mayor, alderman, and county treasurer. intent was to elect candidates to office who were sympathetic to the regulations of his businesses.

On September 23, 2008, an information was filed charging with violation of Title 18 USC Section 371 Conspiracy to evade currency transaction reporting requirements, in violation of Title 31, USC Sections 5314 and 5324.

On September 23, 2008, two of associates, were indicted charging each with violation of Title 18, USC Section 1001, False Statement to the Government for lying to the FBI.

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On September 23, 2008, unrelated to either or an information was filed charging with a violation of Title 31, USC Sections 5324(a) and 5325. utilized his own funds to purchase cashier's checks in the names of other individuals. The cashier's checks were then used as contributions to the campaigns of and for their campaigns for Kenosha and Kenosha County respectively.

On November 12, 2008, entered a guilty plea to the one count charged in the information.

On February 18, 2009, was sentenced to one years probation and assessed a fine of $5,000.

On March 10, 2009, was found guilty in a jury trial of the one count he was charged with in the indictment.

On April 9, 2009 was sentenced to one year probation and assessed a fine of $1,000.

On May 13, 2009 entered a guilty plea to the one count charged in the information.

[redacted]

On October 9, [redacted] was sentenced to 13 months confinement, fined $10,000, and placed on 2 years supervised release.

On January 15, 2010 [redacted] was sentenced to 2 months confinement and placed on 2 years supervised release.

Former United States Attorney Steven M. Biskupic and Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] prosecuted this matter.

Milwaukee anticipates further investigation in this matter.

The following descriptive information was obtained:

Name: [redacted]

Sex: Male

Race: White

Date of Birth: [redacted]

Social Security Account Number: [redacted]

FBI Number:

Name: [redacted]

Sex: Male

Race: White

Date of Birth: [redacted]

Social Security Account Number: [redacted]

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[redacted]

Name: [redacted]

Alias:

Sex: Male

Race: White

Date of Birth: [redacted]

Social Security Account Number: [redacted]

Name: [redacted]

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Sex: Male

Race: White

Date of Birth [redacted]

Social Security Account Number: [redacted]

Name: [redacted]

Sex: Male

Race: White

Date of Birth: [redacted]

Social Security Account Number: [redacted]

FBI Number: [redacted]

[redacted]

Name: [redacted]

Sex: Male

Race: White

Date of Birth: [redacted]

Social Security Account Number: [redacted]

Name: [redacted]

Sex: Male

Race: White

Date of Birth: [redacted]

Social Security Account Number: [redacted]

FBI Number:

Name: [redacted]

Sex: Male

Race: White

Date of Birth: [redacted]

Social Security Account Number: [redacted]

FBI Number: [redacted]

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Confidential Human Source (CHS) Reporting Document

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Type of Contact: In person

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Location: Milwaukee, Wisconsin, United States

Writer: SA [redacted]
Witness(es): SA Witness Name

Source Reporting: In addition to [redacted] the only other individuals who might have been aware of the [redacted] JHT Holdings, Inc. (JHT) were [redacted] during the period of approximately [redacted] JHT Holdings, Inc. (JHT). [redacted] in JHT in [redacted] Although it was at [redacted] direction [redacted] he could only speculate as to the amount stored there on any given day. If he had to guess, [redacted] believed the amount could be as high as [redacted] he provided [redacted] to make contributions to [redacted] or from him personally. One of the reasons he required [redacted] to have large [redacted] for contributions they made. In reviewing a listing from WISPOLITICS.COM, itemizing contributions [redacted] estimated during the period of [redacted] were reimbursed with JHT funds totaling approximately [redacted] Candidates and organizations [redacted] contributed to during that time period included Jim Doyle, Paul Ryan, Dave Obey, Jerry Kleczka, Jim Oberstar, Don Young, Anne Northrup, George Bush, the Democratic Party of Wisconsin, the Assembly Democratic Campaign Committee, and the Republican National Committee.

[redacted] about making a contribution to Jim Doyle. Although [redacted] would not have pressured [redacted] to make a contribution, he would have asked him, if he could see fit to, make a contribution. At the time, [redacted] was working for [redacted] Given that [redacted] who was not a fan of Doyle, and [redacted] contribution to him in [redacted] they were probably reimbursed by JHT. [redacted] speculated he would have instructed [redacted] to inflate his monthly [redacted] fee to compensate him and [redacted] for making the Doyle contributions. [redacted] did not recall a similar conversation with [redacted] regarding being compensated in return for making a contribution.

Upon a review of a list compiled by Open Secrets.org of Doyle contributors with a Kenosha, Wisconsin address, with the exception of [redacted] denied reimbursing or compensating anyone in return for making a contribution. A number of the Doyle contributors listed were in the construction industry who had a vested interest in a casino being built in Kenosha.

In addition to [redacted] JHT Leasing, a subsidiary of JHT Holdings, Inc., [redacted] in Lencole Concrete Construction, Inc. (LCC). [redacted] LCC was [redacted] was shown a series of three checks, each in the amount of [redacted] all made payable to [redacted] The checks, dated [redacted] were in payment of a single invoice from LCC, dated [redacted] issued to ATC Leasing Company. The invoice itemized three sets of [redacted] each for the "loading and unloading of boxes from 3700 45th Street for destruction at the Pheasant Run Landfill." Although [redacted] had no first hand knowledge of the transactions, he did indicate JHT had a lot of old records to discard. The only guess as to why the checks would have been made payable to [redacted] instead of LCC, was [redacted] was also the recipient of an [redacted]

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[redacted] was not aware of any business relationship [redacted] might have had with [redacted] Project Management Consultants (PMC). Although [redacted] was working on, [redacted] was not aware of any financial interest [redacted] would have had in the company. [redacted] was shown copies of a series of 22 checks issued by PMC, during the period of [redacted] all made payable to [redacted] The 22 checks, which were all in round dollar amounts ranging from [redacted] had no knowledge why [redacted] would have received all those checks.

In regard to PMC, [redacted] related a situation in which approximately $100,000 of JHT funds were used to complete the [redacted] As a result, [redacted] approached [redacted] to retain contractors and oversee the completion of the project, doing "whatever he needed to do" to finish the [redacted] believed [redacted] in excess funds previously budgeted for PMC, were paid out to [redacted] to cover the contractors and his supervision of them.

[redacted] was unaware of the purpose of three cashier's checks dated [redacted] and [redacted] all made payable to ATC Leasing Company, all with [redacted] designated as the "Remitter." Copies of those three checks were the supporting documentation for a $9.00 charge run through the petty cash fund.

[redacted] was shown two checks from the Kenosha Country Club, one dated [redacted] for [redacted] both made payable to "ATC Leasing Company, Attn: [redacted] Both checks had been deposited into [redacted] personal bank account at the [redacted] In 2001, ATC had purchased [redacted] in the Kenosha Country Club for [redacted] As the result of [redacted] JHT and the [redacted] becoming expensive, [redacted] made the decision to sell all three of them. [redacted] recalled a discussion with [redacted] the proceeds from cashing in [redacted] could be another source of [redacted]

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[redacted] acknowledged the existence of an [redacted] the Grand Cayman Islands. The sole purpose of the account the better overnight interest rate it offered. [redacted] denied any improprieties associated with the account.

[redacted] was questioned about two [redacted] had no recollection of the purpose of the [redacted] best guess as to the reason for his [redacted] withdrawal of [redacted]

Professional Purchasing Consultants (PPC) was a firm [redacted] PPC was retained by JHT to assist them with purchasing. [redacted] was not aware of any improprieties involving payments to PPC.

[redacted] JHT for charitable contributions [redacted] There might have been some instances in which [redacted] make a contribution to an organization, that subsequently was made by JHT in the company name. b6 b7C b7D

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Reporting Date: 01/22/2008

Case ID: 194A-MW-45573 (Pending)
[redacted](Pending)

Contact Date: 01/17/2008

Type of Contact: In person

Location: Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Written by: [redacted]
Other(s) Present:

Source Reporting: Source, who is in a position to testify, provided the following information:

It was unclear how the political contribution checks [redacted] wrote to the re election campaign were delivered to Don Young, House of Representatives, Alaska. The checks were probably given directly to Young at a Washington D.C. fund raiser, by either [redacted] Although [redacted] had limited contact with Young, he did meet with him [redacted] On one occasion, [redacted] had lunch with Young and his wife. Paul Ryan, House of Representative-Wisconsin ran interference with Young on [redacted] behalf when it appeared [redacted] was not getting Young's attention. In response to the political contributions [redacted] made to Young's campaign, [redacted] received only a form letter thanking him. [redacted] who would have had contact with Young's staff in lobbying for a change in the truck length law. The hiring of [redacted] Young's [redacted] [redacted] company, probably came as the result of a recommendation by either Young or Ryan. Ryan is a friend of [redacted] The implication in [redacted] recommendation was that you would be receiving good government representation if you hired [redacted] For his lobbying efforts on the part of [redacted] company, [redacted] per month. The determination as to what [redacted] would be paid was probably the amount [redacted] asked for. There would have been a letter of understanding, as opposed to a contract, which set out [redacted] compensation. [redacted] campaign contributions were not a part of his conversations with Young, his staff, or [redacted] Giving contributions to a politician was just part of the process. Contact with Young was probably established through [redacted] The form of communication [redacted] and [redacted] would have had with Young would have ranged from

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personal contacts, conference telephone calls and email.

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Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 08/23/2007

To: Milwaukee

From: Milwaukee
Squad 3
Contact: [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted] tvs

Case ID #: 194A-MW-NEW (Pending)
194A-MW-NEW SUB GJ (Pending)
194A-MW-NEW SUB GJ 1A (Pending)

Title: [redacted]
STATE OF WISCONSIN
GOVERNOR JAMES DOYLE
DOYLE ADMINISTRATION;
CORRUPTION OF STATE AND LOCAL
PUBLIC OFFICIALS-STATE LEVEL

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Synopsis: To request SAC authority to open investigation.

Details: This matter was a continuation into the investigation of contributions to the campaign of State of Wisconsin Governor James Doyle and the influence on the awarding of contracts.

[redacted] of JHT Holdings, Inc., a multi-state speciality transportation and logistics enterprise, based in Kenosha, Wisconsin. In addition to building a net worth estimated to be in excess of [redacted] involved in the Wisconsin gaming industry. Beginning in 1989, [redacted] was in pursuit of a [redacted] in Kenosha through [redacted] Kenosha Gateway Development Limited Partnership. After the [redacted] was awarded to another group, [redacted] would make a second run at securing a stake in Wisconsin [redacted] ten years later.

[redacted] and Chicago investors, partnered in a venture known as NII-JII Entertainment,LLC (NII-JII) with the Menominee Indians of Wisconsin, to pursue a casino in Kenosha. NII-JII's

efforts to obtain approval for the casino gaming license failed in 2001, when interim Governor Scott McCallum advised he would not support any attempt to expand gaming in the State of Wisconsin. Background investigations into the NII-JII investors revealed some of the Chicago investors had ties to organized crime.

After [redacted] failed attempt to obtain a casino gaming license in 2001, [redacted] Kenesah Gaming Development (Kenesah). Kenesah partnered up with the Menominee and the Mohegan Tribal Indians of Connecticut to build a $808 million entertainment center and casino in Kenosha. The casino was nominally to be run by the Menominee, while the Mohegans brought the financial backing. Once the project had received the approval, from the Bureau of Indian Affairs Office of Gaming Management in Washington, D.C., all that was required for the casino to become a reality under Wisconsin law was signature of the governor.

[redacted] had been a contributor to both Democratic and Republican candidates and parties at local, state, and federal levels. While in pursuit of the [redacted] contributed to Republican Governor Tommy Thompson. In 2002, after Thompson left office, [redacted] threw his support in the governor's race behind the Wisconsin Attorney General Jim Doyle. On September 5, 2002, five days prior to the Wisconsin primary election, [redacted] Johnson Houston Partners (JHP), issued [redacted] The following day, [redacted] to the Doyle campaign. The JHP disbursements to the [redacted] were characterized as "loans", however, no promissory notes were issued and no interest or principal payments were made until January 2007 when the FBI questioned [redacted]

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On [redacted] through JHP, [redacted] issued a [redacted] wrote a [redacted] check and a [redacted] check, to the Doyle campaign. Again, the JHP disbursement was characterized as a "loan", yet no promissory note was signed and no interest or principal payments were made until January 2007.

On [redacted] wrote out a series of [redacted] with the word "loan" written in the memo portion. [redacted] without any notation in the memo portion of the check. On that same day, all [redacted] each wrote out a [redacted]

check to the federal account of the Democratic Party of Wisconsin. In addition, [redacted] check to the Democratic Party of Wisconsin.

Under Wisconsin and federal laws, financial contributions to political candidates and parties are restricted. A contribution to a candidate for governor in Wisconsin was limited to $10,000 per election cycle, while a contribution to a political party for direct campaign activity was limited to $5,000. In addition, under Wisconsin law, an individual is prohibited from providing money, directly or indirectly to another individual for the purpose of making a campaign contribution.

[redacted] filed his application with the State of Wisconsin for an [redacted] in January 2005. The contractor application required the submission of financial information to the State's Office of Indian Gaming and Regulatory Compliance. In response to a series of questions requesting [redacted] to identify loans or gifts in excess of $10,000, he either made or gave and to disclose all loans, notes, and other receivables held, [redacted] failed to list any of the above referenced distributions of funds [redacted]

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On January 12, 2007, in an interview conducted by the FBI, [redacted] provided the following information:

Although acknowledging the source of [redacted] campaign contributions were distributions from JHP, [redacted], he denied any attempt on his part to circumvent campaign contribution laws. Although acknowledging having family discussions as to what candidates shared the same vision of the family business and Kenosha, he denied ever having directed any family member to support a specific candidate. [redacted] denied ever having been extorted by any politician, characterizing campaign fund raisers soliciting contributions for their candidate as just the nature of their job. Campaign contributions by [redacted] to Don Young ($25,000) and James Oberstar($30,000), United States Representatives, from Alaska and Minnesota, respectively, were related to their support of the [redacted]

Upon becoming aware of the investigation, [redacted] sold off his interest in the Kenosha casino.

On March 1, 2007, a Federal Grand Jury returned an indictment charging [redacted] with violations of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1001 and 1341 (False Statement to the Government and Mail Fraud). The 1001 violation related to

[redacted] interview by the FBI, while the 1341 violation related to omissions in [redacted] application to the State of Wisconsin for his gaming contractor certificate.

On June 22, 2007, as the result of negotiations between the United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Wisconsin and [redacted] attorney, [redacted] agreed to plea to a two misdemeanor count information:

Count one charges on or about September 1, 2002 and on or about January 12, 2007, [redacted] did knowingly conspire with persons known and unknown to violate state and federal election laws through contributions for the benefit of the campaigns involving the governor of Wisconsin. [redacted] who had reached the contribution limit for his own personal contributions, provided money to [redacted] to make contributions to the federal account of the Democratic Party. All in violation of Title 18, United States Code(USC), section 371.

Count two charges that on or about February 1, 2002 and on or about January 12, 2007, [redacted] actions included knowingly and willfully violating the Federal Election Campaign Act, including Title 2, USC, Sections 441a and 441f. [redacted] who had reached the contribution limit for his own personal contributions, provided money to [redacted] to make contributions to the presidential campaign of George W. Bush. All in violation of Title 18, USC, section 371.

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The plea agreement states [redacted] further agrees to fully and completely cooperate with the government in its investigation of this and related matters, and to testify truthfully and completely before the grand jury and at any subsequent trials or proceedings if asked to do so by the prosecution. The government agrees [redacted] testimony will be under a grant of immunity.

During a series of continuing debriefings, [redacted] admitted that during the period of approximately 2001 through 2004, he directed [redacted] to assemble a slush fund. The cash [redacted] accumulated in the fund was used to reimburse [redacted] for political contributions they made. [redacted] were reimbursed for in excess of [redacted] contributions they made. [redacted] directions to [redacted] was to do whatever he needed to do to generate cash for the fund. [redacted] speculated [redacted] embezzled the funds from JHT through the submission of check requests supported by false supporting documentation. [redacted] advised he never paid a bribe to a public official.

Based upon the information [redacted] provided, [redacted] was re interviewed. [redacted] admitted to lying to the FBI, in his earlier interview, when he denied ever having received funds from or provided funds to, another individual or entity, for the purpose of making a political contribution. [redacted] admitted to [redacted] cash for the purpose of reimbursing individuals for campaign contributions they made. The source of the cash for the slush fund was an estimated [redacted] from JHT over the period [redacted] Project Management Consultants (PMC) [redacted] in the scheme. [redacted] commission check, due a JHT subsidiary, into [redacted] business account. [redacted] then proceeded to write out a series of checks made payable to [redacted], which he used to generate cash for the slush fund. [redacted] also identified another scheme in which [redacted] had [redacted] kickback a portion of a pay raise they were granted. In addition to [redacted] admitted to also reimbursing other [redacted] as well as himself for political contributions. [redacted] denied ever having paid any bribes to any public figures.

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United States Attorney Steven M. Biskupic has been apprized of the above facts. In addition to the prosecution of [redacted] Biskupic will offer [redacted] the same deal [redacted] received. No decision has been made regarding Infusino.

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It is requested a separate spin off investigation into this matter be opened.

The following descriptive information was obtained:

Name:	[redacted]
Sex:	Male
Race:	White
Date of Birth:	[redacted]
Social Security Account Number:	[redacted]
FBI Number:	[redacted]

Name:	[redacted]
Sex:	Male
Race:	White
Date of Birth:	[redacted]
Social Security Account Number:	[redacted]

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Name:	[redacted]
Alias:	
Sex:	Male
Race:	White
Date of Birth:	[redacted]
Social Security Account Number:	

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Date of transcription 08/17/2007

[redacted] Kenosha, Wisconsin, who had previously been advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the interview, provided the following information in the presence of his attorney [redacted]. Also present during the interview was United States Attorney STEVEN M. BISKUPIC. The interview was conducted in the United States Attorney's Office.

[redacted] lied in his earlier interview when he denied [redacted] another individual or entity for the purpose of making a political contribution. Prior to his interview by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, [redacted] had been contacted by [redacted] JHT Holdings, Inc. (JHT) and his [redacted] participation in a scheme to facilitate conduit political contributions.

[redacted] and other individuals, participated in a scheme to embezzle funds from JHT for the purpose of using those proceeds to reimburse individuals for political contributions. The embezzled funds, which were converted to cash, were maintained in the JHT safe. [redacted] estimated $200,000 was embezzled from the company, during it's peak activity, from about 2001 until early 2005 [redacted]. At any given time, [redacted] as $20,000 in cash in the safe.

The scheme first began when [redacted] advising him he needed $5,000 in cash for an upcoming political fund raiser. The cash would be used to reimburse [redacted] and other [redacted] for political contributions [redacted] would come from company funds [redacted] diverted through a number of different methods.

[redacted] a number fraudulent check requests for reimbursement of non existent expenses. [redacted] also diverted funds due the company. In [redacted] diverted a check made payable to one of [redacted] companies. The check in the amount of $86,954.06, issued by Sabre Inc., was deposited into the

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by SA [redacted]

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business checking account of Project Management Consultants (PMC), [redacted] Over the next 12 months, [redacted] a series of checks, made payable to [redacted] then withdrew the cash which [redacted] Another method how [redacted] generated cash was to give [redacted] bi-weekly raise. [redacted] then required each of them to kick back a [redacted] portion of their raise [redacted] which was placed in the safe.

Based upon [redacted] instructions, [redacted] would deliver cash to [redacted] to reimburse them for a specific contribution they had made or were about to make. To insure the contribution had been made, [redacted] would collect the checks from [redacted] for delivery to the candidate or party. [redacted] was never privy to any conversations in which a quid pro quo for making the contributions was ever discussed. [redacted] was not involved in the distributions of [redacted] partnership distributions or loans to family member to facilitate making contributions. At [redacted] direction, [redacted] reimbursed [redacted] for all the contributions he made. When [redacted] would inform [redacted] for example, [redacted] would instruct [redacted] to build it up to [redacted]

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[redacted] denied ever having paid a bribe to any politician, their representative, or a lobbyist. [redacted] had personally met with both DON YOUNG and JIM OBERSTAR, United States Representatives from Alaska and Minnesota, respectively. Both individuals supported the extension if the truck length law from the start. JHT did [redacted] was YOUNG's former [redacted]

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Confidential Human Source (CHS) Reporting Document

Reporting Date: 06/29/2007

Case ID #: 194A-MW-45573 (Pending)
[redacted] (Pending)

Contact Date: 06/29/2007

Type of Contact: In person

Location: Milwaukee, Wisconsin, United States

Writer: SA [redacted]
Witness(es): SA Witness Name

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Source Reporting: As [redacted] the transfer of funds to [redacted] through capital distributions and loans made to them. The purpose of these distributions and loans was to assist [redacted] in making political contributions. The source of funds of virtually every contribution made by any of the [redacted] would have been a partnership distribution or a loan. All partnership distributions and loans to the [redacted] were made with [redacted] expectation the funds would be utilized to make a contribution. Although none of the [redacted] were forced to make a contribution, they followed the lead of [redacted] as to which candidate to contribute to. The earlier contributions were funded by loans from the partnership due to the limited capital at the time. Later on, when the capital levels were high, the contributions were funded by distributions. Despite the fact, for the most part there were no notes documenting the loans, the borrowers understood the funds needed to be repaid.

In early [redacted] another way [redacted] facilitated contributions being made by [redacted] allowing them additional disposable income to make a contribution.

In addition to the [redacted] in cash, to facilitate

making a contribution to then gubernatorial candidate, now governor, Jim Doyle.

Although JHT Holdings, Inc. (JHT), made did not pressure them into doing so.

understood the large salary had given him, enabled him to make contributions, did not expect to pay for them out of his own pocket. authorized to reimburse himself with JHT funds for all contributions he made, in any manner as he so chose. Although had no first hand knowledge of how reimbursed himself, he speculated maintained in the JHT safe: had a standing request of to always maintain an ample supply of cash he could have access to. Again, assemble the cash anyway he needed to. checks requests, in either his name of for non existent expenses, coded to a general or administrative cost category. Upon cashing the checks, With $400 to $500 million in expenses run through JHT each year, these bogus disbursements would not attract attention. With such an arrangement, any of the cash generated could have "developed legs", meaning could have been embezzled by There were two situations The first was to cover out of pocket expenses related to JHT business. The second was to reimburse for contributions he made from his personal checking account. JHT was may have also reimbursed the for the contributions directed them to make. The in cash

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While cashing of was a matter of convenience for checks was a different story. had given both a raise in pay, with the understanding they would both make contributions. maintained in the JHT safe. A series of personal checks, drawn off made payable to either "Cash" or in amounts ranging fro kicking back a portion of her raise as another source of cash for the safe. The dates, written in the memo portion of the checks, could correspond to JHT payroll dates. never suggested to she needed to kickback cash to the safe. It was unknown if was a source of cash to the safe.

[redacted] could have been other JHT employees who had their pay checks increased to assist them in making contributions at the request of [redacted] In the case of [redacted] the bump in his pay check could have occurred in his capacity of [redacted] JHT. There was no recollection if [redacted] or any other JHT employee were reimbursed for contributions they made.

None of the following individuals were provided funds by [redacted] or JHT to facilitate them making a contribution:

[redacted] In the case of [redacted] if they were reimbursed for a contribution they made, it would have been through [redacted] contribution [redacted] made to Doyle had no connection to a [redacted] invoice Project Management Consultants (PMC) issued to Johnson Houston Partners in [redacted] In spite of the fact [redacted] asked [redacted] to make a contribution to Doyle, [redacted] PMC, performed legitimate work for [redacted] and was paid accordingly.

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Jim Doyle, Don Young, Jim Oberstar, Paul Ryan, Matt Flynn, George W. Bush, and Kathleen Falk, along with the Democratic State Assembly and the Democratic Party of Wisconsin were all recipients of conduit contributions from the [redacted] via partnership distributions and loans. [redacted] could not recall if the limited amount of contributions to Tommy Thompson and Russ Feingold were of the conduit nature. Feingold returned the contributions from the [redacted] Contributions to the National Republican Congressional Committee, and the Republican National Committee, were only made by [redacted]

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Date of transcription 03/26/2007

Kenosha, Wisconsin, who was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the interview, provided the following information in the presence of his attorney, The interview was conducted at office. provided the following information:

JHT Holdings, Inc. (JHT) or one of JHT's predecessor companies is currently the a position he has held since Prior to current position, he served as the held the position of JHT when

denied ever having received funds from another individual or entity for the purpose of making a political contribution. also denied ever having provided funds to another individual for the purpose of making a political contribution.

the negotiation of personal checks of as well as all cited the reason for of checks for the was it was a matter of convenience. b6 b7C

outside would retrieve the checks, endorse the back, and then get them cashed. to an office employee going to the bank The cash would then be provided to or the whose check had been negotiated. was shown by the interviewing agent, a series of personal checks drawn off the accounts of both While some of the checks others were made payable to "CASH". endorsement, which upon his review, acknowledged was Other then lending small amounts of cash to denied having any type of financial relationship with her. could not explain the majority of notations in the memo portions of some of the checks The notations included

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[redacted] The only notation [redacted]

In commenting on media reports concerning other JHT issues that have arisen since the indictment of [redacted] made the following comments:

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[redacted] the dispute regarding the motor fuel tax liabilities of JHT. [redacted] indicated JHT truckers are provided a color coded map as a guide to determine which state they should purchase fuel in. A "green" state means it's okay to purchase, a "yellow" state means only purchase fuel if it's necessary, while a "red" state indicates a driver should not refuel there.

[redacted] the push for legislation to increase the length limitations of trucks from 75 feet to 97 feet. In the 1980's, the company petitioned to increase the length from 55 feet to 65 feet. In 1998, the company petitioned to increase the length from 65 feet to 75 feet. In the fall of 2001 and early 2002, the company compiled statistics to demonstrate the positive factors an increase in the length limitation would bring, such as less pollution and wear and tear on the highway system. In [redacted] met with politicians that included TOM BARRETT, HERB KOHL, RUSS FEINGOLD, JIM OBERSTAR, DON YOUNG, and PAUL RYAN. [redacted] denied ever having been a part of any discussions concerning making campaign contributions to any specific candidate.

[redacted] declined to identify any financial institution where he maintained an account.

The following descriptive information was provided:

NAME: [redacted]

Sex: Male

Race: White

Date of Birth: [redacted]

Social Security Account Number: [redacted]

Employer: [redacted]

Position: [redacted]

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Date of transcription 02/08/2007

[redacted] Wisconsin, who was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent, provided the following information under the conditions of a proffer agreement. Present during the interview was [redacted] attorney, [redacted] along with [redacted] Assistant United States Attorney.

[redacted] graduated from [redacted] with a Bachelor of Arts degree, with a [redacted] was employed as [redacted] worked for a period of [redacted] after leaving ATC [redacted] After leaving [redacted] ATC where he stayed until [redacted] is currently a [redacted]

[redacted] acknowledged having given political contributions to individuals and organizations. [redacted] decision as to the recipient of those contributions is based on a "level of comfort" he has with a candidate. The decision to contribute is and his alone. [redacted] provided the following comments when asked by the interviewing agent what his recollection was of a list of candidates he has made contributions to:

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PAUL RYAN: RYAN was a United States Congressman who he has met.

DON YOUNG: YOUNG was a United States Congressman from Alaska.

MATT FLYNN: Although [redacted] didn't specifically recall FLYNN's name, he believed he was possibly a Congressman.

JAMES OBERSTAR: OBERSTAR was United States Congressman from Minnesota.

AL FOECKLER: [redacted] did not recall FOECKLER's name.

THOMAS NELSON: NELSON was a State Assemblyman

Investigation on 02-07-2007 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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by SA [redacted]

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ROBERT WIRCH: WIRCH was a State Senator who [redacted] recalled meeting.

JEFFREY PLALE: PLALE was a State Senator.

JIM DOYLE: DOYLE was the Wisconsin Governor who [redacted] has met on several occasions including a fund raiser and a [redacted]

[redacted] campaign contributions, which came out of his personal checking account, were funded from various sources of cash.

Although [redacted] failed to maintain any records, he acknowledged receiving two loans from [redacted] One loan, in the amount of [redacted], represented his contribution, purchasing [redacted] He could not recall the reason he took out a second loan in the amount of [redacted], the proceeds of which went into his checking account. [redacted] signed a promissory note for the [redacted] loan, however, there was no documentation for the [redacted] loan. The [redacted] loan was not documented because it was an "insignificant" amount and the partnership was [redacted] Although [redacted] did not maintain a record of how much he owed [redacted] would have.

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[redacted] recently settled all his outstanding loans from the partnership. [redacted] attributed the timing of his loan repayment t[redacted] telling him the loans were due and needed to be repaid. Upon the [redacted] sale of piece of property in [redacted] had discussed repayment of all outstanding loans from the partnership. [redacted] attributed his delay in settling his outstanding obligations to the partnership was it had just been difficult in getting things caught up.

[redacted] did not recall what specific entity issued his partnership distribution checks. Subject to the availability of funds, partnership distributions were made on a quarterly basis.

[redacted] said he was not aware of [redacted] having provided him funds for the express purpose of making political contributions.

The following descriptive information was obtained through observation and interview:

Name:	[redacted]
Sex:	Male
Race:	White
Date of Birth:	[redacted]
Social Security Account Number:	[redacted]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 02/08/2007

[redacted] Kenosha, Wisconsin, who was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the interview, provided the following information under the conditions of a proffer agreement. Present during the interview was [redacted] attorney, [redacted] along with [redacted] Assistant United States Attorney.

After studying a [redacted] was employed as a [redacted] After moving back to Kenosha, [redacted] attended the [redacted] became an [redacted] She served in that capacity until [redacted] became an [redacted] T Group Consulting until [redacted]

Over the years [redacted] have made a number of political contributions to various candidates and organizations. [redacted] provided the following comments when asked by the interviewing agent what her recollections were of a list of candidates she had made contributions to:

PAUL RYAN: RYAN was a State Representative from Wisconsin.

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DON YOUNG: YOUNG was from Alaska, however, she was not aware if he held a State of Federal office.

MATT FLYNN: [redacted] had heard FLYNN's name, however, she did not know what office he held.

JAMES OBERSTAR: OBERSTAR was a politician from Minnesota, however, she was not aware if he held a State or Federal office.

AL FOECKLER: [redacted] has heard FOECKLER's name, but did not know what office he held.

THOMAS NELSON: [redacted] has heard NELSON's name, but did not know what office he held.

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by SA [redacted]

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ROBERT WIRCH: [redacted] believed she had met the individual, but did not recall what office he held.

JEFFREY PLALE: [redacted] heard the name, but was unfamiliar with the office he held.

[redacted] did not know [redacted]

DALE SCHULTZ: [redacted] heard the name, but was unfamiliar with the office he held.

JIM DOYLE: [redacted] had met the Governor on [redacted] occasions. Once when he visited [redacted] JHT Holdings and once at a ceremony when he presented [redacted]

Although [redacted] had discussions regarding political candidates, it was totally up to [redacted] if she chose to make a contribution. [redacted] nor anyone else, told [redacted] to make a campaign contribution.

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The source of funding for [redacted] campaign contributions were loans she obtained from [redacted] borrowed the funds against [redacted] because she either didn't have the money in her checking account or she just didn't want to touch the money she used on a day to day basis. [redacted] was never provided funds by [redacted] to fund campaign contributions.

[redacted] believed she may have signed some promissory notes for the funds she borrowed. Although [redacted] did not maintain a record of the funds she borrowed, [redacted] did. Although [redacted] had only recently paid off all her outstanding loans [redacted], she did not recall the amount. She indicated [redacted] for the repayment of her outstanding loans. Although [redacted] was aware [redacted] had been recently contacted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, it had noting to do with the timing of the repayment of her loans. [redacted] simply told [redacted] her outstanding loans needed to be taken care of.

The following descriptive information was obtained through observation and interview:

Name: [redacted]

Sex: Female

Race: White

Date of Birth: [redacted]

Social Security Account Number: [redacted]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 02/02/2007

Kenosha, Wisconsin, who was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the interview, provided the following information under the conditions of a proffer agreement. Present during the interview was attorney, along with STEVEN M. BISKUPIC, United States Attorney and , Assistant United States Attorney.

received an

received his license upon satisfying the experience requirement while employed with was employed as the JHT Holdings, Inc.(JHT), until it's stock. Turning down an offer to remain with the company, Troha Technology, as well as providing

identified his brothers and sisters as follows:

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who served as her at JHT, received a Prior to that, one of her

who received an was employed in JHT's is currently doing T Group Consulting.

Investigation on 02-01-2007 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin

File # 194A-MW-44329 Date dictated 02-02-2007

by SA

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[redacted] who received an undergraduate degree from [redacted] and a [redacted] currently works in JHT's [redacted]

[redacted] identified Johnson Houston Partners (JHP) as a partnership consisting of the following two partners:

1. One T Corp (S-Corp) (33 1/3 percent ownership)

2. T One LLC (Limited Liability Company) (66 2/3 percent ownership).

The members of One T Corp consists of the following individuals and percentage ownership:

Member	Ownership
[redacted]	[redacted]

T One LLC, is owned by Family Real Estate Ltd. Partnership(T Family). The ownership of T Family consists of the following:

Member	Ownership
DNT Investment LLC* (General Partner)	1.0%
[redacted]	

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*DNT Investment LLC [redacted]

[redacted] JHP, utilizing Quickbook software. The records are physically located in the office space leased by Kenesah Gaming Development, in Kenosha.

JHP distributions flow to One T Corp and T One LLC in their ownership interest amounts of 33 1/3 percent and 66 2/3 percent, respectively. One T Corp then makes distributions to [redacted] T One LLC on the other hand, makes their distribution to T Family , who in turn then makes distributions to DNT, [redacted] Quarterly distributions are made around the following dates:

January 15

April 15

June 15

September 15

It would be unusual for the partnership to make a distribution on any other date. The amount of the distribution is determined by the respective member's tax liability.

An individual member has the ability to borrow funds against their equity in the partnership. All loans, as well as distributions, are subject to the approval of [redacted] With the exception of a series of loans made to [redacted] were secured by a promissory note. Despite the lack of documentation for these loans, a member could not cash out their respective equity in the partnership unless all outstanding loans were repaid. It was [redacted] general understanding at the time the loan was made, the member was informed of the interest rate they would be charged for the borrowed funds.

[redacted] was questioned about a series of loans JHP made to [redacted] On [redacted] JHP disbursed four loans, each in the amount of [redacted] Shortly after the loans proceeds were disbursed, those [redacted] made campaign contributions to Governor JIM DOYLE. [redacted] have had discussions regarding political contributions. Upon making a decision to make the contribution, [redacted] obtained loan proceeds from JHP, borrowing against their equity interest in the partnership. [redacted] was forced to borrow the funds from the partnership because all his equity was tied up in his residence. No one directed [redacted] to make the contribution. Neither [redacted] nor [redacted] signed a promissory note for the [redacted] they each borrowed from the partnership.

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On [redacted] personally loaned [redacted] Shortly after those loans proceeds were disbursed, each of the five borrowers made a [redacted] contribution to the Democratic Party of Wisconsin. Although [redacted] recalled making his contribution, he did not remember the source of the funds was a loan from [redacted] maintained [redacted] never directed him to make the contribution. [redacted] admonished [redacted] about the importance of the repayment of a loan [redacted] if the proceeds had been used to make a political contribution, because it was the law. [redacted] maintained no record of the funds he borrowed from [redacted]

[redacted] had no knowledge of the reason [redacted] borrowed [redacted] from JHP in [redacted]

Although not specifically recalling a series of five loans made by JHP to [redacted] was [redacted] prior to the loan proceeds being disbursed, the [redacted] and [redacted] made campaign contributions to DOYLE. The loan amounts varied on how much the borrower wanted to contribute. [redacted] wrote to JHP. [redacted] made the loan because he didn't want a distribution to [redacted] to reduce the partnership equity. [redacted] booked the check a "loan", as indicated by [redacted] on the check. [redacted] advised the [redacted] check from [redacted] should have been booked as a repayment of a [redacted] outstanding loan [redacted] had obtained earlier from the partnership. No promissory note was ever signed by [redacted] to document the loan.

In [redacted] all JHP outstanding loans were repaid by it's members. Questioned about the timing of the repayment, [redacted] stated in [redacted] instructed all partnership members had to liquidate their outstanding loans. Prior to distributing the profit JHP derived from an [redacted] wanted all outstanding loans repaid. Although initially denying the member's repayment of all their loans, had anything to do with the Federal Bureau of Investigation contacting [redacted] finally agreed it was a factor.

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Given [redacted] earlier explanation as to the mechanics of how distributions flow from JHP to [redacted] was questioned about a series of checks JHP issued directly to the members on [redacted] The checks were characterized as a "distribution". [redacted] who did not remember the transactions, was shown several of the checks in question. Upon his review of the items, [redacted] advised partnership distributions were not to be handled in that manner and indicated it must have been an error on his part. [redacted] those disbursements on the JHP books.

[redacted] identified DON YOUNG and JAMES OBERSTAR, as two United States Congressmen from Alaska and Minnesota, respectively, who served on the House Transportation Committee. [redacted] made contributions to both Congressmen because of [redacted] ties to the trucking industry. Although not having met either YOUNG or OBERSTAR, he has met DOYLE, along with his [redacted] on numerous occasions.

The following information was obtained through interview and observation:

Name: [redacted]

Sex: Male

Race: White

Date of Birth: [redacted]

Social Security Account Number: [redacted]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 02/02/2007

[redacted] Kenosha, Wisconsin, telephone [redacted] (cellular), who had previously been advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the interview, provided the following information in the presence of her attorney, [redacted] was interviewed at [redacted] office located at [redacted] Kenosha.

[redacted] had been advised by [redacted] had been contacted by the FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (FBI). [redacted] instructed [redacted] to contact [redacted] should the FBI attempt to interview her.

[redacted]

Although [redacted] described herself as apolitical, she made in excess of [redacted] in political contributions during the period [redacted] could not identify the following list of individuals, in spite of the fact she had made contributions to them: DON YOUNG, MATT FLYNN, ROGER DIER, JEFFREY J. LOWRIE, and JEFFREY PLALE. [redacted] thought possibly some of those individuals supported legislation favoring the trucking industry the [redacted] family was involved in. [redacted] did recognize the names JIM DOYLE and PEG LAUTENSCHLAGER. [redacted] was introduced to DOYLE at an inauguration event when he was first elected Governor of Wisconsin.

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[redacted] contributions were funded from [redacted] was instructed by [redacted] as to what candidate or organization to make her check payable to and for what amount.

[redacted] had no knowledge of any funds [redacted] would have borrowed from the [redacted] was not familiar with the name Johnson Houston Partners.

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File # 194A-MW-44329 Date dictated 02-02-2007

by SA [redacted]

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The following descriptive information was obtained through observation and interview:

Name:	[redacted]
Alias:	
Sex:	Female
Race:	White
Date of Birth:	[redacted]
Social Security Account Number:	[redacted]
Spouse:	
Marital Status:	

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Date of transcription 01/16/2007

[redacted] Kenosha, Wisconsin, who was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the interview, provided the following information:

Johnson Houston Partners (JHP) was a partnership [redacted] involved in the trucking industry. The original partnership, which was made up of several S corporations, [redacted]

In [redacted] wanted out of the industry, [redacted] to dissolve JHP, unless it was reconfigured. Do to the fact a partnership has to consist of two or more entities, [redacted] two Sub Chapter S Corporations whose members included [redacted] could only recall "One T Corp" as the identity of one of the corporations making up JHP.

The only assets owned by JHP were two trucking terminals the partnership leases to ATC Leasing and Automotive Carrier Services, both subsidiaries of JHT Holdings, the company [redacted] recently sold. The source of funds, distributed by the JHP partnership to it's members consisted of the rental income generated by those two properties, along with some interest income. JHP has no employees.

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[redacted] identified the source of [redacted] campaign contributions as [redacted] usually made on a quarterly basis. [redacted] acknowledged there has been occasions when insufficient partnership earnings necessitated making a personal loan to the partnership. While some of [redacted] loans have been repaid, others still remain outstanding.

Although [redacted] has had conversations with [redacted] regarding specific candidates who share similar visions and concerns, he has never directed [redacted] to make contributions to a specific individual. All of [redacted] are adults who are old enough to make their own decisions regarding campaign contributions. [redacted] defended [redacted] partnership distributions to make contributions. The source of funds an individual would normally utilize to make a campaign

Investigation on 01-12-2007 at Kenosha, Wisconsin

File # 194A-MW-44329 Date dictated 01-16-2007

by SA [redacted]
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contribution would be their income. In the case of the [redacted] the income utilized to make campaign contributions, just happens to be generated from the partnership distributions they receive [redacted] estimated annual partnership distributions to his [redacted]

[redacted] was questioned by the interviewing agents about the timing and amount of a member's distribution versus their respective campaign contribution. In many instances, a member who would receive a distribution one day, wrote out a check to a candidate's campaign or to a political party, the following day, in the exact amount of the distribution. Although [redacted] has asked [redacted] to support certain candidates, it was ultimately their decision if they chose to make a contribution to a candidate's campaign. A [redacted] decision to make or not make a campaign contribution would not affect their receipt of a partnership distribution. [redacted] denied it was a situation in which partnership distributions was conditional on [redacted] making contributions.

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In addition to loans [redacted] he also acknowledged making loans to [redacted] Again, while some of those loans have been repaid, others remain outstanding. [redacted] who was aware of campaign finance laws which placed dollar limits on the amount an individual can give to a candidate or political party, did not believe his practice of making partnership distributions to [redacted] to facilitate the funding of campaign contributions was an attempt to circumvent those laws. Although he could not recall specific names, [redacted] acknowledged he may have given bonuses to employees to allow them to make campaign contributions if they choose to do so.

[redacted] identified DON YOUNG and JAMES L. OBERSTAR as United States Representatives from Alaska and Minnesota, respectively, who he and his family have supported through campaign contributions. When asked why individuals residing in Kenosha, Wisconsin would make contributions to the campaigns of congressmen running for office in other states, [redacted] advised it was because they both served on the United States House Committee on Transportation. YOUNG, a Republican, and OBERSTAR, a Democrat, both shared [redacted] vision regarding issues affecting the trucking industry. [redacted] had personally met both YOUNG and OBERSTAR, having been introduced to them by lobbyists.

[redacted] maintained he has never been "shaken down" by YOUNG, OBERSTAR, DOYLE, or any politician, adding he would never put up with that. [redacted] characterized the process of being approached by campaign fund raisers soliciting contributions for their candidate as just the nature of their job.

[redacted]

The following descriptive information was obtained:

Name: [redacted] b3 b6 b7C

Sex: Male

Race: White

Date of Birth: [redacted]

Social Security Account Number: [redacted]

Employment: [redacted]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 11/09/2009

[redacted] date of birth [redacted]
home address [redacted]
home telephone number [redacted] cellular telephone number [redacted]
[redacted] email address [redacted] and who is
the [redacted], was interviewed b6
telephonically by Special Agent [redacted] He thereafter b7C
provided the following information:

Senators Stolle and Norment from the Commonwealth of Virginia are the only politicians other than Congressman Don Young who have hunted regularly at the ranch. He recalled that the Senators have been coming to the ranch for a number of years, and were first hosted by Brown & Root, before it became Kellogg, Brown & Root (KBR.) [redacted] was aware that Senators William Wampler and Marty Williams has also hunted at the ranch, but was not aware in which year they stopped hunting. [redacted] stated he was aware that the Senators were taken on the hunting trips for entertainment, although business was discussed. [redacted] stated that he and his employees stayed in "the wings" and did not get involved in the conversations, but he was aware that some of the conversations involved highway construction. [redacted] could not swear to it, but believed the highway was Interstate 81. b6 b7C

[redacted] was aware that [redacted] had been coming to the ranch for years with Brown & Root, but may have only lasted for a year with KBR. [redacted] is aware that [redacted] has been paying for the hunting trips for the Senators since approximately 2005, but does not know if the Senators or anyone else reimburse [redacted] for the costs associated with the trip. [redacted] is aware that the Virginia Sheriff's Association is involved with the trips and that some sheriffs have hunted at the ranch, including [redacted]

[redacted] stated he has additional records stored at the ranch and will visit the ranch this weekend to determine the names of other Virginia Senators who have hunted at the ranch. [redacted] will mail additional documents to writer when he obtains them.

Investigation on 11/09/2009 at Richmond, VA (telephonically)

File # 194A-RH-54617 Date dictated 11/09/2009 b6 b7C

by SA [redacted]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 03/11/2006

[redacted] (PROTECT IDENTITY) b6 -4 b7C -4 b7D -1
DOB [redacted] met with SA [redacted] and voluntarily provided the following:

1. [redacted]

[redacted] relating to development and zoning issues in southwest Florida, [redacted] $10 million was exclusively earmarked within a Federal Transportation Authorization Bill for a study of an I-75 interchange at Coconut Road in Estero, FL. [redacted] Congressman CONNIE MACK and Congressman DON YOUNG, House Transportation Committee Chairman, have written Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) that this $10 million cannot be used for I-75 improvements or for any other planned improvements. b6 -4, 5 b7C -4, 5 b7D -1

[redacted] there are a number of entities directly, and indirectly involved in the I-75 interchange proposal. Last November 2005, the MPO's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was urged by the City of Bonita Springs to add the Coconut Road/I 75 interchange project to the proposed 2030 Transportation Plan. [redacted] the TAC agreed and the project was added to the 2030 Plan. The 2020 Plan restriction prohibiting such an interchange was likewise amended. [redacted] an interchange would open up the adjacent land on the east side of I-75 for development, even though County Route 951 had been planned as a very limited access road to prevent development in the environmentally sensitive, water rich area.

[redacted] Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) has weighed in on this issue, supporting such an interchange, and claiming, [redacted] of FGCU, that such an interchange is a prerequisite for the construction of a FGCU Transportation Management Center at the interchange.

Investigation on 3/10/06 at Estero, FL

File # 58-TP-0 Date dictated 3/11/06 b6 -1 b7C -1

by SA [redacted]

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[redacted] entity known as, "Edison Farms", a corporation registered in Michigan, [redacted] presently owns some 3,600 acres on the east side of the proposed interstate interchange and would directly benefit from the construction of same. [redacted] this property was previously [redacted] consisted of a total of some 7,000 acres. Several years ago, some of this property was sold off to an entity known as, "Sweetwater" and then sold to the "Bonita Bay Group" which developed the upscale country club community known as "The Brooks". Some 500 acres along Route 41 in Estero, FL, are now being developed into a high end shopping district [redacted] entity known as, "Oakbrook Properties" [redacted] acres, in the area where a "flyover" bridge (bridge over I-75) had been proposed many years ago on that same location where the interchange is now being proposed.

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[redacted] there might be overreaching or some sort of improprieties taking place with respect to the participation of several lobbyists, [redacted] Edison Farms to promote the idea of the interchange with the Congressmen and state and local officials. [redacted] from Bonita Springs, FL, is also in favor of the interchange proposal [redacted]

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[redacted] individuals organized a fund raising event for Congressman DON YOUNG from Alaska, in Bonita Springs, Florida, inviting the Congressman to attend the function. Congressman Mack was also in attendance. It was the opinion [redacted] Edison Farms is actively courting local and federal officials, to obtain the necessary funding and support for the construction of the I-75 interchange.

[redacted] Edison Farms has been fined at least $85,000 for violations of various environmental laws since they are bound by law to act as stewards for the "protected" lands. [redacted] Wildlife Federation based in Naples, FL, has

been instrumental in monitoring and reporting violations of environmental law on the part of Edison Farms to the relevant authorities. [redacted] was not aware of any sort of bribery on the part of any of the aforementioned individuals to date, and would advise SA [redacted] in the event that he learns of any such incident.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 01/28/2010

To: Tampa **Attn:** SAC
All SSRAs

From: Tampa
WCC Program
Contact: SSA [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted] b6 -1 b7C -1

Drafted By: [redacted]:stg

Case ID #: 319X-TP-A1487710-TP (Pending)

Title: PUBLIC CORRUPTION
GOALS AND OBJECTIVES 2010
TAMPA DIVISION

Synopsis: To set forth Tampa Division's Goals and Objectives for its Public Corruption sub-program for FY 2010.

Details: The WCCP, in the Tampa Division, to include the Public Corruption sub-program, is comprised of a White Collar Crime/Applicant Squad in HQ City (Squad 10), and designated agents assigned throughout the Division's territorial Resident Agencies who investigate Public Corruption matters. Tampa Division's [redacted]

Threat b7E -1

The Tampa Division has not identified a systemic public corruption threat in its AOR. There do not appear to be any criminal networks that are coordinating and organizing public corruption withing the Division. Tampa's top public corruption priority is investigating corrupt local, state, and federal public officials. However, [redacted]

vulnerability from government fraud due to the influx of economic stimulus funds into our domain. Tampa's investigative priorities remain aligned with the national priorities established by the Public Corruption Unit.

Strategy

Tampa will continue to develop [redacted] Tampa Division has joined with Miami and Jacksonville Divisions, and state and federal [redacted] Tampa also meets regularly with local, state and federal agency supervisors, including the statewide prosecutor investigating corruption within the state, to identify systemic corruption within Tampa's AOR. The Division will continue [redacted] b7E -1

[redacted]

GOAL 1: Expand and enhance the intelligence base related to the PC crime problem and fully participate in national initiatives.

OBJECTIVE 1: Expand and enhance the Division's [redacted] b7E -1

OBJECTIVE 2: Increase the [redacted]

OBJECTIVE 3: Continue [redacted]

OBJECTIVE 4: Increase [redacted]

To: Tampa From: Tampa
Re: 319X-TP-A1487710-TP, 01/28/2010

[redacted]

OBJECTIVE 5: On a daily basis [redacted]

[redacted]

OBJECTIVE 6: Obtain access to [redacted]

[redacted] b7E -1

OBJECTIVE 7: Continue tasking field supervisors via

[redacted]

OBJECTIVE 8: Have agents attend other squads's meetings and interact regularly with agents and supervisors in order to identify possible PC matters within the Division.

OBJECTIVE 9: Continue to engage the U.S. Attorney's Office on PC matters to ensure their cooperation, assistance, and prosecution of PC matters, and [redacted]

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OBJECTIVE 10: Meet quarterly with members of the

[redacted]

GOAL 2: Initiate and conduct high quality PC investigations that result in the prosecution of priority subjects.

OBJECTIVE 1: Aggressively pursue two sensitive 58 matters, [redacted] and Congressman Don Young (58C-TP-70141) to determine the extent of the corruption. b6 -2 b7C -2 b7A -1 b7E -1

OBJECTIVE 2: Continue to [redacted]

[redacted]

OBJECTIVE 3: Utilize [redacted]

[redacted]

Division Identifier: TP CID-HQ INSD-HQ b6 -1
Prepared By/Date: [redacted] Assessed By/Date: _____ Reviewed By/Date: _____ b7C -1
Approved By/Date: _____ Approved By/Date: _____ Approved By/Date: _____

Public Corruption Subprogram
Semi-Annual Program Review (SAPR)
Period Covered: 10/01/2007 - 06/30/2008
HQ Division and INSD Audit Worksheet

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HQ Division Comments

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Inspection Analysis

File #	Date opened	
58C-TP-70141	7/3/2007	

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Summary: This case was initiated based on information indicating that United States Representative Don Young inserted language into a bill that earmarked $10 million to a local developer in return for unspecified considerations.

Representatives Young (Alaska) and Mack (Florida) sat on the Transportation committee when a $10 million earmark was inserted into a highway bill. Representatives Mack and Young attended a fundraiser in Estero, FL shortly after this bill passed. After the fundraiser, someone in Congress changed the earmark to read, "money for Coconut Exchange study". This change in language during the enrollment process [redacted] This investigation is being coordinated with DOJ's Public Integrity Section [redacted]

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[redacted]

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2. Did the division participate in national PC subprogram initiatives?
_X___Yes (Discuss) _____No (Explain)
(Limit to 20 lines)

[redacted]

[redacted]Tampa is actively investigating U.S. Representative Don Young and others in Tampa's AOR for corruption (58C-TP-70141)[redacted]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 11/07/2007

To: Tampa **Attn:** SAC Ibison
ASAC [redacted]
Tampa SSRAs

From: Tampa
Squad 10
Contact: [redacted]

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Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted] stg

Case ID #: 319X-HQ-A1487710-TP (Pending)

Title: WHITE COLLAR CRIME PROGRAM
GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008

Synopsis: To set forth Fiscal Year 2008 Goals and Objectives for Tampa Division's White Collar Crime Program (WCCP).

Details: The WCCP in the Tampa Division is comprised of a White Collar Crime/Civil Rights Squad in HQ City (Squad 10), and designated agents assigned throughout the Division's territorial Resident Agencies. The WCCP investigative priorities are consistent with the National Priorities established by the Director.

GOAL 1: Expand and enhance the intelligence base related to the PC crime problem and fully participate in national initiatives.

OBJECTIVE 1: Expand and enhance the Division's [redacted]

OBJECTIVE 2: Increase [redacted]

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OBJECTIVE 3: Increase liaison within the law enforcement communities by continuing to meet at least quarterly with local PDs and SOs and federal law enforcement partners within Tampa's territory.

OBJECTIVE 4: Increase [redacted]

OBJECTIVE 5: Initiate

OBJECTIVE 6: Aggressively pursue

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OBJECTIVE 7: Aggressively pursue

OBJECTIVE 8: In coordination with Anchorage WFO and other divisions, continue to aggressively pursue the investigation into U.S. Congressman Don Young and the funding of the Coconut Road exchange.

GOAL 3: Ensure that appropriate

GOAL 4: Continue to

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TAMPA DIVISION

White Collar Crime Semi-Annual Program Review

White Collar Crime Program

Semi-Annual Review Period: 10/01/2006 - 09/30/2007 **Date: 10/26/2007**

I. PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

Please identify the individuals who served as the Program Manager and Program Coordinator for the review period:

Program Manager

Name	Dates
A/ASAC	10/01/2006 - 04/01/2007
ASAC	04/02/2007 - Present

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Program Coordinator

Name	Dates
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II. THREAT ASSESSMENT/CRIME SURVEY

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VII. Investigations

a. Significant Cases

1. Attach summaries of the three most significant cases for each prioritized subprogram during the review period. The following format should be utilized and each summary should be limited to one page:

PUBLIC CORRUPTION

Date Case Opened: 7/3/2007

Case Title: Donald Edwin Young, Et Al; Corr. Of Federal Public Officials - Legislative Branch

Case File#: 58C-TP-70141

Name of Case Agent: SA [redacted] b6 -1 b7C -1

Case Predication: This case was initiated based on information indicating that United States Representative Don Young inserted language into a bill that earmarked $10 million to a local developer in return for unspecified considerations

Synopsis: Representatives Young (Alaska) and Mack (Florida) sat on the Transportation committee when a $10

million earmark was inserted into a highway bill. Representatives Mack and Young attended a fundraiser in Estero, FL shortly after this bill passed. After the fundraiser, someone in Congress changed the earmark to read, "money for Coconut Exchange study". This change in language during the enrollment process [redacted]

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Accomplishments to date: The investigation is continuing and [redacted] changed the wording on the bill.

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The Tampa Division opened [redacted] Tampa also supported the [redacted] through its ongoing investigation of U.S. Representative Don Young (58C-TP-70141), and requested and had conducted [redacted] for the PC Program. b7A -1 b7E -1

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Date of transcription 02/03/2005

[redacted] born [redacted] Social Security Account Number [redacted] cellular telephone number [redacted] e-mail address [redacted] was interviewed at the Charlottesville, Virginia Residence Agency. This interview followed an interview the previous evening which has been separately documented. After being advised of the purpose of this interview, [redacted] advised:

From the [redacted] was a graduate student of [redacted] at Duke University. He left this program before completion because he sought a more practical exposure t[redacted]

From [redacted] worked at the CATO Institute. This is a conservative public policy think tank. In [redacted] worked for about a month and a half for the National Republican Senatorial Committee.

The tragic events of September 11, 2001 created a desire to work directly on Capital Hill. Because of the terrorist attack, there would be a spade of legislation. It would be an exciting time from the perspective of having a need for a legislative reaction to the terrorist attacks on American soil. Because of his pro-American feelings, patriotism and the sense of purpose that would come from working on Capital Hill during that time, [redacted] sought a legislative staff position during this crucial landmark period.

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A CATO associate provided [redacted] an e-mail contact with someone of the staff of United States Congressional Representative Christopher Cox (R-California). The contact was not much of an inside track and [redacted] could not recall who provided the contact. [redacted] e-mailed his resume and received a call, an interview, and then a job offer. He was not seeking a staff appointment with any particular Congressman, but he does personally agree with the conservative political platform of Representative Cox. He was hired as a [redacted] and remained on the staff until [redacted] which was approximately when he went to [redacted] Department of

Investigation on 02/03/2005 at Charlottesville, Virginia

File # 315N-WF-227192 Date dictated Not dictated

by SA [redacted]

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[redacted] His starting salary on Representative Cox' staff was [redacted] and his final salary was [redacted].

In essence, the staff consisted of the [redacted] There was also an Executive Assistant, an Office Manager, and two to three interns. In general terms, a typical legislative staff may also include a specialist who is assign to particular policy matters. [redacted] started as a [redacted] After some time, he was given the title [redacted] This title simply reflected some seniority and responsibility as a mentor to the interns. Most of the policy work that he did pertained to immigration control and transportation security as it related to Cox' district of Orange County, California in particular. These were important issues to the constituency. One innovative policy matter that they supported was to deputize local law enforcement to assist with immigration enforcement.

Eventually, [redacted] which meant he was a specialist. As a [redacted] the specific issues upon which he was assigned to focus were the issues of Representative Cox' constituency. A portion of the constituency in Orange County is Korean and other immigrant communities. The two primary foreign policy matters relevant to the constituency were: non-proliferation matters and human rights matters. No legislation was passed during his time on staff on this matters. However, a piece of human rights legislation was passed after he left the staff.

Representative Cox was the Chairman of the Policy Committee, a Member of the Financial Services Committee, a Member of the Energy and Commerce Committee, and the Chairman of the Homeland Security Committee which was formed shortly after the [redacted]

The Homeland Security Committee was a significant committee, but many of the other pre-existing committee chairs have been reluctant to give up their jurisdictions that should have gone to the Homeland Security Committee. For example, Representative Don Young would not let go of the Coast Guard which falls under his Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

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Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 12/08/2009

To: Criminal Investigative **Attn:** Public Corruption Unit
Room 3975

From: Washington Field
Squad CR-20/NVRA
Contact: SA [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted] b6 b7C

Drafted By: [redacted] hcm

Case ID #: 58C-WF-236525 (Closed)

Title: [redacted] a.k.a.
FORMER U.S. REPRESENTATIVE [redacted]
[redacted] Congressional District)
CFPO - LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Synopsis: To request closure of captioned full field public corruption investigation, and to advice FBIHQ, Public Corruption Unit of the same through provision of the enclosed Letterhead Memorandum (LHM). b6 b7C

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Enclosure(s): For Public Corruption Unit is one original and once copy of a closing LHM on captioned matter.

Details: In [redacted] against former Congressman [redacted] pursuant to the cooperation of convicted lobbyist Jack Abramoff. Among other things, [redacted] allegedly committed honest services fraud by taking official actions in exchange for receiving things of value from Abramoff or other lobbyists. Other allegations also surfaced during the course of the investigation. The Department of Justice's Public Integrity Section recently declined prosecution of this case because the allegations could not be substantiated and/or the statue of limitations had expired.

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PAC West. It is possible that such an earmark was disguised or buried in a much larger piece of legislation such as the 2006 transportation bill which was sponsored by Senator Ted Stevens and Congressman Don Young, [redacted]

Investigation determined that in April 2006, the State of Alaska Legislature awarded a $3 million contract to PWC for consulting work in connection with ANWR drilling. According to the records, the contract was awarded by influential members of the Alaskan State Senate through a "closed door", "no bid" process described as non-transparent.

Records from the Alaska Department of Commerce were obtained and show that [redacted] after the contract was awarded, and was then involved in PAC West work associated with the contract [redacted]

PAC West records were obtained relative to the $3 million project. They showed that the State was expected to fund a grant of $3 million to PAC West for education efforts to open the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge for oil and gas exploration development for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2006 and June 30, 2007.

The PAC West records did not specifically address what role, if any, [redacted] the State of Alaska Legislature or others potentially involved in the allegation.

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Alleged solicitation of favors/gifts from [redacted] lobbyists/industry

During the course of this investigation, information was received alleging [redacted] lobbyists use their contacts in the [redacted] was a key influential member in determining the outcome of legislative issues of concern to the [redacted]

Interviews determined that a staffer for the [redacted] which is a trade association consisting of [redacted]

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On March 11, 2009 [redacted] date of birth [redacted] social security [redacted] residence [redacted] cellular telephone, [redacted] was interviewed at his place of employment, [redacted] Washington DC. After being advised of the agents identity by display of credentials and the nature of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information:

[redacted] stated that he has been working as the [redacted] Prior to that he was the [redacted]

[redacted] advised that in [redacted] on Capitol Hill for the [redacted] He specifically [redacted] for the [redacted] He remained in this position for approximately [redacted] He worked for a number of [redacted] during his time on with the committee. [redacted] for Chairman DON YOUNG, Chairman JIM HANSEN, Chairman RICHARD POMBO and then DON YOUNG returned as CHAIRMAN again.

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In [redacted] left the Hill and went to work for the [redacted] a non-profit. This non-profit was started by [redacted] After working there for a couple of years [redacted] returned to Capitol Hill and the [redacted]

In [redacted] stated he returned to the [redacted] as [redacted] who replaced [redacted] when he left in [redacted] returned to [redacted] and was elected to the [redacted]

[redacted] advised that when he returned to the [redacted] they were just finishing a long legislative process on the [redacted] The bill had been almost entirely written during [redacted] from the subcommittee. [redacted] had negotiated the draft legislation for this bill.

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Confidential Human Source (CHS) Reporting Document

Reporting Date: 12/27/2007

Case ID: 58C-WF-236525 (Pending)
[redacted] (Pending)

Contact Date: 12/18/2007

Type of Contact: In person

Location: Washington, D.C.

Written by: SA [redacted] CR-20
Other(s) Present: SA [redacted] CR-20

Source Reporting:

Source provided the following information relating to former Congressman [redacted]

During [redacted] there were a lot of issues or allegations surrounding corruption, some of which concerned [redacted] as well as JACK ABRAMOFF. Lately, however, no one has raised any issues concerning ABRAMOFF and [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

Source advised that when [redacted] forwarded an email to [redacted] Source advised that [redacted] not believe [redacted] is familiar with any [redacted] may have been working on with [redacted]

Source knew [redacted] would attend.

Source heard that [redacted] somewhere in-between a series of girlfriends. [redacted] is now married.

Source first heard about a connection between [redacted] ABRAMOFF from [redacted] in Illinois before coming to D.C., and later worked for [redacted] When press stories came out about ABRAMOFF, [redacted]

[redacted] told Source that another Republican lobbyist was trying to take ABRAMOFF out and gave people information about ABRAMOFF.

[redacted] now owns his own consulting firm, [redacted]

[redacted] may have worked with [redacted] (name uncertain) before [redacted]

[redacted] connected to, but this was before Source heard about ABRAMOFF allegations. Source heard that people on the [redacted]

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[redacted] who used to work for [redacted] Congressman DON YOUNG, and others, recently retired. Many people were at his retirement party. [redacted] is going to work at a [redacted]

Source advised that [redacted] would likely know what Indian issues ABRAMOFF, [redacted] was just promoted to head of the [redacted] doing policy work. [redacted] was more of the political guy, whereas [redacted] was more of the policy guy.

POLICY COMMUNICATIONS

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Date of transcription 12/06/2007

[redacted] date of birth [redacted] social security number [redacted] was interviewed at [redacted] Washington, D.C. Present during the interview was Department of Interior (DOI) - Office of the Inspector General (OIG) Special Agent [redacted] After being advised of the identities of the interviewers, [redacted] voluntarily provided the following information:

[redacted] informed that [redacted] was not her attorney anymore. However, [redacted] continues to represent her.

In [redacted] had a large tax debt from a capital gain. [redacted] thinks that because of this debt, [redacted] decided not to file the [redacted] tax returns in [redacted] so he could "go under the radar." [redacted] filled out a form filed in the District of Columbia where he stated that he was the [redacted] knowingly lied in this form since he knew that he was not the [redacted]

[redacted]

In a previous interview, [redacted] b6 b7C of Pac West Comminications (PWC). [redacted] wanted to clarify that this was what [redacted] told her. However, it does not necessarily means that it was earmarked by Congress. [redacted] may have referred to an allocation instead of an earmark. Or it could have mean an earmark from an state legislation. [redacted] used to be the head of the [redacted]

In 2004 or 2005, the head of the Alaska Commerce Department resigned. Instead, an acting administrator served for approximately 1 or 2 years. During that time, FRANK MURKOWSKI was the Governor of Alaska, MURKOWSKI's daughter, LISA MURKOWSKI, was a State Senator along with TED STEVENS, and DON YOUNG was the sole Congressman.

The money that PWC received probably came from Alaska Commerce Department because it would have been easy to use the

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Investigation on 12/05/2007 at Washington, D.C.

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Confidential Human Source (CHS) Reporting Document

Reporting Date: 12/18/2007

Case ID: 58C-WF-235625 (Pending)
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Contact Date: 09/07/2007

Type of Contact: In person

Location: Washington D.C.

Written by: SA [redacted]
Other(s) Present:

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Source Reporting:

Source was questioned concerning his/her knowledge of the Alaska National Wildlife Preserve (ANWR), related legislation, and associated lobbying activities on Capitol Hill. Source advised that between 2005 and 2006 there were a number of efforts by Congressional Republicans to pass legislation supporting ANWR and related oil and natural gas drilling in Alaska. Some of the major sponsors of this legislation were Alaska Representative Don Young, Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Congressman Joe Barton, Alaska Senator Ted Stevens, and former Resources Committee Chairman Richard Pombo. Source was uncertain as to the details of specific legislation, but advised that any appropriations intended for ANWR would likely be found in HR6, the massive Energy Bill for 2005, also known as the Energy Policy Act of 2005. Source advised that this bill contained language authorizing extremely large amounts of funding to support the Government's Energy policy. Source advised that specific energy appropriations, particularly ones concerning ANWR, could be found through a detailed review of the omnibus Appropriations bills for 2005 and 2007.

Source advised that [redacted] on a somewhat regular basis. [redacted] was often difficult to work with and had a reputation for cutting "back room" deals. Source could provide no specific information concerning allegations of illegal activity by [redacted] were constantly under a great deal of pressure by special interests groups and lobbyists.

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Confidential Human Source (CHS) Reporting Document

Reporting Date: 07/20/2007

Case ID: [redacted]
58C-WF-236468 (Pending)
58E-WF-236525 (Pending)

Contact Date: 07/20/2007

Type of Contact: In Person

Location: Falls Church, Virginia

Written by: SA [redacted]
Other(s) Present: SA [redacted]

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Source Reporting:

Source, who is in a position to testify, was interviewed at the Washington Field Office (WFO) Northern Virginia Resident Agency (NVRA) and provided the following information:

According to source, former [redacted]

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As one of the primary Democratic contacts for [redacted] was the lead lobbyist for issues related to [redacted]

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[redacted] was also personally close to [redacted] who knew [redacted] family well. [redacted] family members were strong Democratic supporters, and according to Source, one of [redacted] (NFI) participated in a number of fund-raisers for [redacted]

Source advised he/she could not specifically recall any individual name of a who received tickets from however, Source does not doubt this occurred on a regular basis. Source advised it was routine to reserve a block of seats for a particular staff member if there was an event of interest to the staff member at the MCI center. For Instance, if the New Orleans Hornets were playing at MCI, the would likely reserve seats for the Louisiana congressional members and/or their staffers. Source advised it would not have been out of the ordinary for reserve a large section of seats, even an entire Skybox, for an event meaningful to

According to Source, congressional members and their staffers were often courted at ABRAMOFF's Signatures Restaurant. Source advised if the particular lobbyist was in ABRAMOFF's "inner circle", they would not pay for meals at Signatures. Not all lobbyist at GT were in ABRAMOFF's "inner circle".

Source was not aware of GT paying for any trips for Source also stated he/she was not aware of GT paying for chartered planes for Source did recall one instance when GT lobbyist paid for a chartered helicopter for Alaska Senator DON YOUNG. Source recalled that placed the charge for this helicopter on bill and was very upset about it.

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Source could not recall much detail about a Political Action Committee (PAC) known as "Winning Margins". He/she does remember hearing about it, but could not provide any details.

Source advised is now employed at a D.C. lobbying firm opened by an individual named

According to Source, former GT lobbyist and ABRAMOFF had a "run in" while was at GT. Source believed was not a productive lobbyist and had "dropped the ball" on a number of occasions when dealing with client issues. left GT before ABRAMOFF.

Source advised made a number of sizeable campaign/political contributions to make up Source believed thought the contributions with ABRAMOFF and GT. While at GT.

According to Source,

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Manassas, Virginia
February 28, 2011

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CFPO - LEGISLATIVE BRANCH;
SENSITIVE INVESTIGATIVE MATTER;
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The captioned matter is a spin-off investigation of a declined and closed matter which was initiated by writer on Squad CR-20 involving the attendance of Capitol Hill staffers and Members on hunting trips. These trips were arranged by [redacted] associate of JACK ABRAMOFF at the lobbying firm of Greenberg Traurig (GT). One of the participants of those hunting trips was [redacted] Committee chaired by CONGRESSMAN DON YOUNG (R, Alaska). Congressman YOUNG was the main subject of a CR-20 case which was declined by DOJ.

On August 10, 2005, the President signed into law the Safe, Accountable, Flexible Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy For Users (SAFETEA-LU). With guaranteed funding for highways, highway safety, and public transportation totaling $244.1 billion, SAFETEA-LU represents the largest surface transportation investment in United States history. SAFETEA-LU also contains funding for over "six thousand" earmarks for home-district projects. [redacted] of the SAFETEA-LU bill.

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A reliable CR-20 source revealed dollars appropriated for the SAFETEA-LU Bill were not based upon a complex mathematical formula, but more dependent on Members' status. Each party was responsible for distributing the monies to their Members Districts. Members who were on the Transportation Committee, or Members that held leadership positions, were given a higher percentage of appropriations.

Writer conducted a review of relevant documents, e-mails, interviews and source information linked to [redacted] During the time period of 2002 through 2006, writer identified numerous Things of Value (TOVs) [redacted] and others totaling approximately [redacted] These TOVs included an [redacted]

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Based on the aforementioned, WFO is closing captioned matter.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 02/28/2011

To: Criminal Investigative **Attn:** Public Corruption Unit
SSA [redacted]

From: Washington Field
Squad CR-20, MNVRA
Contact: SA [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted] mmp

Case ID #: 58C-WF-239939

Title: [redacted]

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U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES;
CFPO - LEGISLATIVE BRANCH;
SENSITIVE INVESTIGATIVE MATTER;
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Synopsis: To advise of closure of Full Investigation captioned Sensitive Investigative Matter (SIM) based on a declination by the Department of Justice Public Integrity Unit(DOJ-PIN).

Details: The captioned matter is a spin-off investigation of 58C-WF-238427 (declined and closed matter) which was initiated by writer on Squad CR-20 involving the attendance of Capitol Hill staffers and Members on hunting trips. [redacted] One of the participants of those hunting trips was [redacted] Committee chaired by CONGRESSMAN DON YOUNG (R, Alaska). Congressman YOUNG was the main subject of CR-20 case number 58C-WF-236659 which was declined by DOJ.

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Date of transcription 05/21/2009

[redacted] Date of Birth (DOB) [redacted] [redacted] Social Security Number (SSN) [redacted] home address [redacted] Liverpool, NY [redacted] home telephone number [redacted] and cellular telephone number [redacted] was interviewed at the Law Offices of COSTELLO, COONEY & FEARON, PPLC, 205 South Salina Street, Syracuse, New York 13202. Present for the interview were [redacted] Attorney, [redacted] Attorney, and [redacted] Paralegal, of the Law Firm SCHERTLER & ONORATO, LLP, 601 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., North Building, 9th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20004, who were representing [redacted] in his capacity as an employee of PYRAMID COMPANIES (PYRAMID). Also present for the interview was DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE - PUBLIC INTEGRITY SECTION (DOJ-PIS) Trial Attorney [redacted] After being advised as to the identity of the interviewing agents, and other individuals detailed above, as well as the nature of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information:

SAVANNAH DHU RATES

When [redacted] was hired at SAVANNAH DHU (SD) in [redacted] there was a semblance of a lodging and meal schedule, but there was no standardization as how and when the rates were applied. The rates were not in a usable form. [redacted] tighten things up at SD and standardize the processes. In [redacted] was hired, as well as an accountant, who were able to streamline the budget and expense process at SD. They went through the line item expenses, and were able to develop budgets for SD.

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In [redacted] was hired as the [redacted] and she developed a tracking system, to account for every guest that lodged or dined at SD. This included family that stayed at SD. The tracking was utilized for budget purposes.

[redacted] recalled adjusting the rates of the lodging and meals in 2007. [redacted] spent a lot of time coming up with the rates, as he sat with the chefs in determining the costs of the menus. The rates they developed were at-cost, or "break-even" rates, in that they did not add a profit margin, or include labor costs, in to the rates they developed.

Investigation on 5/19/2009 at Syracuse, New York

File # 58C-WF-236658, 58C-WF-239939 Date dictated 5/21/2009

by SA [redacted]
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TAXIDERMY

Taxidermy costs were difficult to track in 2003. Eventually, [redacted] implemented a system to track taxidermy services and costs. The system set-up included each hunter completing a form prior to going hunting. The hunter would indicate if they wanted taxidermy services, and if they did, they would be required to provide their credit card information on the form. If the hunter killed an animal, and desired the taxidermy services, the form would be sent with the animal to the taxidermist, who would handle the taxidermy and the shipping. The taxidermist would be responsible for collecting payment. A copy of the form also went to the Pyramid Companies home-office to maintain for record keeping.

[redacted] was asked if the system was in place in 2003 and 2004. [redacted] did not know if it was set up in 2003 or 2004. [redacted] was asked about taxidermy services provided to CONGRESSMAN DON YOUNG for an elk he killed in 2003, and a seka deer he killed in 2004. [redacted] was unaware of any taxidermy services YOUNG may have received. If [redacted] did pay for the taxidermy services, [redacted] would not know why [redacted] would have paid them. b3 b6 b7C

BOOTS/MEAT

[redacted] was asked about LeChameau boots that were provided to YOUNG. [redacted] was unaware of LeChameau boots provided to YOUNG. [redacted]

2007 YOUNG TRIP TO SAVANNAH DHU

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] gave him instructions on how to detail the invoices, and [redacted] told him to take the meals off the bill for his family. [redacted] recalled that [redacted] came to his office towards the end of the trip, and asked [redacted] for detailed invoices so that he could collect checks from some of the guests. [redacted] called [redacted] for approval to write up the invoices, as typically, guests who were paying, were billed after the event, and the billing was done by the home office. [redacted] wrote down the breakdown of the bills, and [redacted] printed them up and gave them to [redacted] believed that the rates for the lodging and meals came off the YOUNG campaign flyer. [redacted] told [redacted] to use those rates.

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PHOTOS

[redacted] was shown a series of photographs, and was asked to identify the individuals in the photos and if he knew the circumstances behind the photo:

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[redacted] stated that he never personally met [redacted] but that he knew he was an associate of [redacted] He recalled that [redacted] came up to SD in June 2006 for the American Dream Forum. As the [redacted] for SD, [redacted] was responsible for setting up the event and coordinating meals and room lists through the front office with [redacted] also recalled that [redacted]

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came to SD after the New Orleans hurricane, possibly October 2005 or 2006 where college students formed a think tank. [redacted] did not attend the event but does not recall seeing [redacted] participate in the event. He recalled the name of [redacted] who came up with [redacted] stated that he never met [redacted]

[redacted] advised that [redacted] coordinated most of the outdoor activities. He recalled a time when [redacted] gave a demonstration on bow hunting with [redacted] who ran the NY Chapter of national bow hunters. [redacted] stated that he was not sure if [redacted] was up to SD for business or just hunting.

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stated that she had received the biographies on [redacted] and that he was on DON YOUNG's campaign. She further told [redacted] was a "key guy" for YOUNG who [redacted] was excited about.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] a lawyer, told him that he had a meeting with folks regarding the unusual access and design project for which DESTINY USA was trying to get funding. He further stated that [redacted] had held several conversations about this project. [redacted] did not recall hearing that [redacted] ad to "sing for his supper" but that he just handled the operations end of things.

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[redacted] - SOLID MODELING PROJECT

[redacted] advised that the Solid Modeling Project was designed to "build" buildings on the computer without paper. He did not know about [redacted] involvement with that project. He advised that [redacted] would have been involved with [redacted] regarding legislative issues.

[redacted] stated that to his knowledge [redacted] has not been to SD since 2006. [redacted] left employment with SD in [redacted] He occasionally had interaction with the staff as part of operations. [redacted]

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TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE;
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CFPO - LEGISLATIVE BRANCH;
SENSITIVE INVESTIGATIVE MATTER;

In March of 2008, an investigation into the lobbying activities of [redacted] former lobbying associate of JACK ABRAMOFF at the lobbying firm of Greenberg Traurig, was initiated by writer on Squad CR-20. That investigation involves the attendance of Capitol Hill staffers and Members on hunting trips involving [redacted] case 58C-WF-228974. One of the participants of those hunting trips was [redacted] for the House Transportation Committee chaired by CONGRESSMAN DON YOUNG (R, Alaska). Congressman YOUNG is currently the main subject of CR-20 case number 58C-WF-236659.

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DOJ CONCURRENCE

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 03/23/2009

To: Washington Field **Attn:** SAC Andrew James Castor

From: Washington Field
Squad CR-20, MNVRA
Contact: SA [redacted]

Approved By: Castor Andrew James
[redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted] mmp

Case ID #: 58C-NEW

Title: [redacted]
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Synopsis: To request SAC authority to open a Full-Field Investigation (FFI) into the captioned Sensitive Investigative Matter (SIM).

Details: The captioned matter is a spin-off investigation of 58C-WF-238427 which was initiated by writer on Squad CR-20. That investigation involves the attendance of Capitol Hill staffers and Members on hunting trips involving [redacted] a former lobbying associate of JACK ABRAMOFF at the lobbying firm of Greenberg Traurig (GT), WFO Case 58C-WF-228974. One of the participants of those hunting trips was [redacted] for the House Transportation Committee chaired by CONGRESSMAN DON YOUNG (R, Alaska). Congressman YOUNG is currently the main subject of CR-20 case number 58C-WF-236659.

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INVESTIGATIVE PLAN

The initial investigative plan will be to determine the extent of the [redacted] involvement and culpability regarding the insertion of specific language into the TEA-LU bill. Furthermore, writer will determine the extent of things of value [redacted] received in addition to the trip to New York City and the Savannah Dhu hunting trips and to determine any benefit to the lobbyist/clients as a result of these trips.

Investigative steps are a follows:

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2. Identify additional lobbyists who engaged in providing things of value to [redacted] in exchange for inserting specific language into the TEA-LU bill to the benefit of their clients.

3. Identify additional members of Congress who accepted things of value in exchange for their support and use of their political position to insert specific language into the TEA-LU bill.

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4. Acquire official FEC records and official Travel Disclosure records for the identified members of Congress.

5. Prepare a profile work up on the members of Congress' committee assignments, submissions into the Congressional Record, voting history, and campaign fund-raising, as it relates to TEA-LU, lobbyists and their clientele funding these trips.

6. Prepare a complete summary of things of value, trips, and e-mails pertinent to this investigation.

7. Obtain and serve (covertly) Federal Grand Jury subpoenas for:

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6. Document the evidence in 302s, spreadsheets, time lines, ECs, etc.

Based on the aforementioned, WFO requests SAC approval to open a Full Field Investigation (FFI) to address allegations of legislative corruption involving [redacted] to CONGRESSMAN YOUNG.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 06/26/2009

[redacted] previously identified, was interviewed by the below-listed Special Agents at the U.S. Attorney's Office, 300 Meridian Street, Huntsville, AL, in the presence of his attorney, [redacted] Also in attendance were Department of Justice - Public Integrity Section - Trial Attorney, [redacted] and Army Criminal Investigative Division (CID) - Resident Agent-in-Charge, [redacted] of the Huntsville Fraud Resident Agency. After being advised of the identities of the interviewing agent and the nature of the interview, [redacted] voluntarily provided the following information.

[redacted] knew of [redacted] since the 1994 - 1995 timeframe when [redacted] used to work for SYTECHNOLOGIES on the interceptor program and on jet interaction calculations. [redacted] (phonetic) worked the HEDI program for SMDC. [redacted] was doing some engineer work as a GS-14 in Kinetic Energy Weapons (KEW) at that time. General [redacted] may have been the head of the Space and Missile Defense Command (SMDC) at the time. SMDC and MDA formed the Joint Center for Technology Initiative (JCTI) in 2000. The JCTI was to serve as an executive agency for technology programs by provided independent technical analysis through quarterly reports. In 2001 or so, [redacted] moved the JCTI to the building next to SYTECHNOLOGIES and that is when [redacted] began seeing more of [redacted] worked for that company at the time. [redacted] thought he had weekly interactions with [redacted] when the JCTI moved to that location. [redacted] people at SYTECHNOLOGIES also helped staff the JCTI through a government contract. That arrangement was set up by Colonel POLLARD who worked for SYTECHNOLOGIES and had been the Chief of Staff to General [redacted] when they were in the military, and then joined SYTECHNOLOGIES after [redacted] became associated with that company in some capacity. [redacted] did not know exactly how GARNER was associated with SYTECHNOLOGIES at the time.

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[redacted] met [redacted] when [redacted] worked for COLSA prior to working for QUALITY RESEARCH INC. [redacted] thought they may have met through work at the SIM CENTER or the ARC, because COLSA had a program at the ARC. When QRI was bought out, [redacted] went to work for DIGITAL FUSION, INC. (DFI).

Investigation on 6/22/2009 at Huntsville, AL

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by SA [redacted]

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SMDC, told them to "beat the bushes" to get the money to pay their salaries. This meant they were supposed to get the funding from Congressional earmarks for programs that could go through SMDC. The defense contractors send all the congressional stuff to the CG of SMDC, and then through [redacted] for SMDC. Defense contractors did a two-page white paper regarding their project request that would get sent to SMDC and to the Congressional office requesting an earmark for the contractor. Then when the money came into SMDC, [redacted] would be told "this is so-and-so's money - get it out the door."

When asked if [redacted] ever told the defense contractors that they were not meeting their milestones in a project being worked under contract funded by a Congressional earmark, [redacted] said his main example of when he tried to do that was with a Senator TED STEVENS earmark in 1996 or 1997. STEVENS had requested an earmark for a Kodiak launch facility on some deserted island in Alaska. [redacted] who used to work for U.S. Representative DON YOUNG, was also involved. [redacted] was told this money would come to SMDC to support this launch. [redacted] and some others went to see the location covered by this earmark and wanted to see if the University up there could support simulation work. When they visited the site they discovered that there was nothing there. [redacted] fought the earmark at first but their Kwajalein military budget was cut $30 Million as a result, and the General was asked why [redacted] was "f---ing" with STEVENS' money. The General told [redacted] to sign off to get the earmark funds allocated. [redacted] refused to sign the MIPR (Military Inter-departmental Procurement Request) to the Alaska National Guard because all of the AK National Guard's money goes to the same pot. This would mean the contractor, through the AK National Guard, could use that money for whatever they wanted, and not just what it had been originally budgeted for. [redacted] ended up having to sign the MIPR because [redacted] would not do it.

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The earmark, which was going to be used for construction on that island since nothing was there, should have been in a Program Element (PE) line 6.4 or 6.5 for domestic military construction. [redacted] thought this was instead in a 6.3 line, meaning it was not accurately disclosed as requested. By not earmarking it in a line budgeted for construction of military facilities, they were getting around the disclosure requirements and debate that goes with that type of funding. It bothered [redacted] because it was illegal. [redacted] was involved in this as part of the Alaska group working to get the earmark. This was

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 03/20/2009

[redacted] previously identified, was interviewed at the Department of Justice, 1400 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC, by the below-listed agents. For approximately the first ten minutes of the interview, Special Agent [redacted] of the London, KY, office of the FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, and Task Force Officer [redacted] of the Kentucky State Police, also participated in the interview telephonically. After being advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview, [redacted] voluntarily provided the following information.

[redacted] was primarily a Senate lobbyist. [redacted] remembered Senator MITCH MCCONNELL from a golf event in 1999, which also involved [redacted] knows MCCONNELL staff better than he knows the Member. MCCONNELL is difficult to get to know.

[redacted] recalled a flight from Dulles airport in Virginia, to Las Vegas, Nevada, with U.S. Representative [redacted] (R-KY). [redacted] was on a private airplane with [redacted] and [redacted] could not recall the fundraiser's name, but described him as a lobbyist and golfer who was really tall, thin, and had a mustache, and dark, curly hair. This flight happened while [redacted] was working as a lobbyist at CASSIDY & ASSOCIATES, probably in 2005. [redacted] got a telephone call one night around 11 p.m. from [redacted] was at the OCEANAIRE restaurant. [redacted] told him he needed him to accompany [redacted] and the others on the flight the following day to Vegas. [redacted] brought [redacted] of CASSIDY & ASSOCIATES went with him on this trip. [redacted] stayed at THE VENETIAN HOTEL while they were in Las Vegas, from a Friday night until their departure Monday morning. [redacted] thought it was a major fight weekend in Las Vegas. [redacted] did not attend the actual fundraising events for [redacted] that were planned for that weekend, and did not know what they were. [redacted] just accompanied [redacted] and the others on the flight out there on Friday and back on Monday. They flew on a private plane belonging to lobbying client U.S. SMOKELESS TOBACCO (UST), which is now owned by ALTRIA. [redacted] billed UST for his hotel and meals during that trip. UST's smokeless tobacco growers are primarily in Kentucky.

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[redacted] around at the AMERICAN TRUCKERS ASSOCIATION because [redacted] works for that group and WALMART was its biggest member. [redacted] has seen [redacted] probably 10 minutes in the past two years.

[redacted] did not have any knowledge about [redacted] lobbying practices. [redacted] volunteered that one of the reasons for the ban on former U.S. Congressmen in the U.S. House of Representatives' gym is because [redacted] used to hang out there and lobby Members. [redacted] health is not good and [redacted] does not see him around and did not interact with him. b6 b7C

[redacted] in the Washington, DC, office of WALMART told [redacted] in the board room of CASSIDY & ASSOCIATES that they hired [redacted] as a lobbyist because U.S. Representative DON YOUNG (R-AL) told them to hire him. They only paid him five-thousand dollars per month. This was in 2005 and 2006. When [redacted] went to work for WALMART they terminated their agreement with [redacted]

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[A copy of the referenced e-mails has been placed in an FD-340 (1A) envelope in the investigative file along with the only original notes of the interview.]

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 11/07/2008

[redacted] previously identified, was interviewed telephonically by a call placed from the law office of SCHIFF HARDIN, 1666 K Street, NW, Washington, DC, in the presence of the below-listed agents, and [redacted] attorney, [redacted] DOJ Public Integrity Section Trial Attorney, [redacted] attended for the morning portion of the interview. After being advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and the above-named persons present in the conference room, [redacted] provided the following information.

[redacted] confirmed that he had received the hard-copy set of documents to be discussed during this interview which were selectively printed by SA [redacted] from the flash drives [redacted] provided voluntarily in conjunction with his plea agreement.

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[The following documents containing unique identifying numbers were printed from evidence item 1B17, which is a separate CD of documents selected from the three flash drives of information provided by [redacted] voluntarily as part of his cooperation agreement, which are maintained as evidence item 1B5. Each document referenced by its unique identifying number was assigned that number within the Forensic Tool Kit (FTK) software used by the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Washington Field Office's Computer Analysis Response Team in the process of imaging the documents contained on [redacted] flash drives. The unique number of each e-mail is automatically printed at the bottom of each page, without noting a separate number for each page of a multi-page e-mail. The documents from 1B17 reviewed with [redacted] include: (re

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Investigation on 11/06/2008 at Washington, DC (telephonically)

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[redacted] a lobbyist and former U.S. Representative from Oklahoma, took people on hunting trips. [redacted] has a farm in Texas and a place in Maryland. [redacted] thought [redacted] used to go on hunting trips with [redacted]

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[redacted] and U.S. Representative DON YOUNG are not really close. They never went on hunting trips together. [redacted] does not recall transportation committee staffer [redacted] worked some with a different staffer who was in a wheelchair and worked for the transportation committee. When asked if that was [redacted] replied that he thought so.

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off the floor we are going to put every thing back in." [redacted] then wrote asking [redacted] to call him at [redacted] replies at the end of the day, "It is legislating on an approps bill, and would be subject to a point of order. It was struck." [redacted] explained that he was telling [redacted] that they had to bring the bill to the floor without protection which meant that legislative activity would get struck by a point of order and then in conference they would put back the provision. The whole bill would pretty much have to be added back. This type of procedure is a House of Representatives thing, not a Senate thing, which is why [redacted] might not have been as familiar with it. This is different than the instances [redacted] has described when [redacted] office would save a place in the bill or report for a controversial or legislative item to be added at conference because there is lesser scrutiny than in front of the whole subcommittee.

[redacted] in which [redacted] forwarded t [redacted] an e-mail from [redacted] about the "DHL ASTAR issue" and why Representative Don Young of Alaska was trying to help them by waiving the 3-year revenue test when Alaska "tried to kill them before. Doesn't sound right to me, but who knows?" [redacted] wrote to [redacted] "ASTAR issue in the Defense Authorization bill. News to you?" [redacted] replied, "Good lobbying is the answer to Young helping. The AK issue has been defused." [redacted] then asked, "Are you behind this or is it ASTAR?" [redacted] wrote, "I think ASTAR worked on Young on the specifics, but we have been working him as well." ASTAR is an airline that changed names a couple of times. DHL and ASTAR were trying to merge. [redacted] represented ASTAR. [redacted] met with [redacted] a couple of times. [redacted] was not sure why Alaska's Representative YOUNG was trying to help DHL and ASTAR. [redacted] and one other person whom [redacted] could not recall, lobbied YOUNG on behalf of DHL.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 08/04/2008

[redacted] previously identified, was interviewed at the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Resident Agency in Huntsville, AL. [redacted] was accompanied by his attorney, [redacted] of Sirote & Permutt, 2311 Highland Avenue, South, Birmingham, AL 35205, telephone number (205)930-5124. Also present during the interview were the following: [redacted] Trial Attorney for the Department of Justice (DOJ) Public Integrity Section, 1400 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC; [redacted] Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Northern District of Alabama, 1801 Fourth Avenue, North, Birmingham, AL 35203, telephone number [redacted] and Special Agent [redacted] of the FBI's Huntsville Resident Agency, 400 Meridian Street, Suite 300, Huntsville, AL. After being advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and attorneys, [redacted] voluntarily provided the following information.

[redacted] listed the following people among those he knows from DIGITAL FUSION, INC. (DFI), a defense contractor based in Huntsville, AL: [redacted] Retired Lieutenant [redacted] and Retired Lieutenant [redacted]

[redacted] is a marketing person for DFI. She and [redacted] work as a team. [redacted] retired from the minority and disadvantaged business unit, otherwise known as the 8(A) program, of the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command (SMDC). She and [redacted] then worked for COLSA, a defense contractor [redacted] Then they went to work for QUALITY RESEARCH INC. (QRI), [redacted] company. [redacted] is a brilliant software engineer who hired students from the University of Alabama at Huntsville (UAH) to work for him. [redacted] did not think [redacted] in the company. [redacted] tripled the amount of business QRI had. QRI sold to a larger defense contractor about a year or so before [redacted] became an investor [redacted] told [redacted] that he did not make a lot of money from the sale of QRI. After the sale of QRI, [redacted] worked both for SAIC and DFI, before working solely for DFI.

[redacted] is very good at getting business for defense contractors. She's very tight with the military contracting community. [redacted] took over [redacted] former

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[redacted] was interested. [redacted] of DFI, is a former Marine general. [redacted] ever knew [redacted] and does not know how DFI got him to work for DFI. [redacted] complained to [redacted] wasn't doing enough to bring in work.

[redacted] secretary at the JOINT TECHNOLOGY CENTER for INTEGRATION (JTCI). But JTCI only had funds for 12 civilian spots. MDA gave [redacted] money that he used to hire more staff, but as contractors instead of employees. [redacted] called [redacted] was at SYCOLEMAN to tell him that [redacted] need a secretary. [redacted] and [redacted] paid SYCOLEMAN to provide her as a secretary. When [redacted] went to DFI, [redacted] was going to stay at SYCOLEMAN. [redacted] did not want to make her move over to DFI, even though she would still be working for [redacted] But, eventually, [redacted] changed over to DFI and [redacted] moved the money to pay for her labor contract from SYCOLEMAN to DFI. There's a profit off of a labor contract, so the profit associated with [redacted] contract is now going to DFI.

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If [redacted] had some agreement or arrangement to give SMDC funds or contracts to DFI, [redacted] did not know about it.

[redacted] called [redacted] within the last month or so about [redacted] leaving DFI. [redacted] said they were told that [redacted] was leaving to do other things, but [redacted] thinks there is more to it. [redacted] said, "if conduit contributions were done [by DFI], [redacted] would have been the one to do it." "It was out of his playbook." [redacted] does not know if conduit contributions were actually made.

[redacted] is tenacious about getting money, and will call people personally to twist arms. In most Congressional offices, favors and contributions are linked, even though the members say they are not. like [redacted] office. Senator [redacted] and Senator [redacted] don't work like those offices.

[redacted] does not know what [redacted] bought with the pre-signed checks from the foreign national with the KEY BANK account.

[redacted] developed a personal relationship with [redacted] a staffer for U.S. Rep. DON YOUNG, when [redacted] took a trip to Fairbanks, AK.

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[redacted] previously identified, was interviewed at ROPES & GRAY, 700 12th Street, NW, Suite 900, Washington, DC, in the presence of his attorney [redacted] After being advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview, [redacted] voluntarily provided the following information regarding research he conducted into earmarks given to Arkansas clients of former U.S. Representative [redacted] was lobbying on their behalf in 2004 through 2006.

[redacted] had a former personal and professional relationship with former U.S. Representative [redacted] because [redacted] worked as an advisor to his re-election committee in [redacted] or [redacted] for about 90 days. [redacted] got to know [redacted] reasonably well, enough to make significant judgments about his character. [redacted] was not sure if he was paid for one month of service to [redacted] campaign, but he might have been. The rest of the time was unpaid and was a debt forgiven by [redacted] There was no falling out or hard feelings over this unpaid work. [redacted] wanted to work with someone else, but [redacted] staff wanted to work with [redacted] had done general advising and writing regarding communications, media and advertising campaigns, and gave general campaign fundraiser advice, but was not in charge of [redacted] campaign FEC [Federal Election Commission] reports, nor had any campaign contribution duties. [redacted] won that re-election campaign. [redacted] did not see [redacted] much after that working relationship.

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[redacted] impressions of [redacted] are that he will "lie to your face all day long," even to an FBI agent, and that he is a really slippery character. [redacted] would always say the check was in the mail or that he would call [redacted] back but did not. [redacted] impression of [redacted] did not just have to do with whether [redacted] campaign had paid [redacted] for the last two months of his work. [redacted] saw [redacted] interact with others like that too. Some of [redacted] own staff agreed with this impression of [redacted] The staff had questions about [redacted] behavior. [redacted] recalled that [redacted] lied to his own staff regarding their concerns about a female staff assistant in [redacted] personal office in Washington, DC, who attended a military CODEL [Congressional Delegation] trip with [redacted] The U.S. Congressional Liaison for whichever branch of the Armed Forces sponsored the CODEL complained that the staff

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assistant was not eligible to attend the trip. But a Member can overrule them. [redacted] could not recall the name of the female staff assistant or the destination of the CODEL. [redacted] was [redacted] and is a pretty straight-shooter. [redacted] thought [redacted] could go one way or the other if approached by agents for an interview depending on whether [redacted] understood the importance of the situation and his cooperation. [redacted]

[redacted] had recently conducted research into follow-on earmarks to the initial $100 million earmark known as the "DICKEY Split" from around 1997. [redacted] did not have personal knowledge about these follow-up earmarks that [redacted] provided an excerpt of Public Law 109-59, dated August 10, 2005, which shows an earmark for $32 million for "Construction of I-530 between Pine Bluff and Wilmer" in the state of Arkansas. This was in the SAFETEA-LU [Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act - A Legacy for Users] bill. [redacted] thinks SAFETEA-LU was stand-alone legislation that did not need to go through the same reconciliation process between the House and Senate, with conference in October or November, as an annual appropriations bill. [redacted] lobbying disclosures filed with the Senate show that he was lobbying for PINE BLUFF SAND & GRAVEL, and others, who would benefit from this provision.

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One filing that stood out to [redacted] was a one-time filing in 2003 for $10,000 listing CITIZENS FOR ARKANSAS INFRASTRUCTURE as the client.

Based on research [redacted] did into campaign contributions disclosed on the FEC website, there were several maximum contributions to U.S. Representative DON YOUNG's general re-election campaign, primary campaign, and leadership PAC, all on or near the same date in March 2005 from individuals in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. Several of the contributions were from family members, such as [redacted] and relatives, and many were associated with construction firms that would presumably benefit from the road earmarks for the I-530 connector. Another thing that struck [redacted] about these contributions was that, rather than simply being for $1,000 as was the usual amount for attendance at a fundraiser, these related individuals gave the maximum an individual could give to all three campaign funds associated with YOUNG: his leadership PAC, "MIDNIGHT SUN", and to YOUNG's general campaign and primary campaign. [redacted] also located press releases

and news articles from the local paper and politicians in that area thanking U.S. Representative DON YOUNG for coming down to Pine Bluff, Arkansas, and for his help in getting money to build that connector. According to these press reports, they were looking to get $40 million for that project, but ended up with $32 million.

Per the reports provided by [redacted] from his research into records maintained by the FEC, the related names who gave around the same date in March were: [redacted] PINE BLUFF SAND & GRAVEL, [redacted] of GRANITE MOUNTAIN QUARRIES, [redacted] Administrative position with PINE BLUFF SAND & GRAVEL, [redacted] for JEFFREY SAND COMPANY in North Little Rock, Arkansas. In addition, MCGEORGE EQUIPMENT RENTAL CO. gave $5,000 to NATIONAL STONE, SAND & GRAVEL ASSOCIATION in that same month, and [redacted] of GRANITE MOUNTAIN QUARRIES gave $1,000 to that association in the month before. [redacted] suggested that interviewing agents look to see if any of these contributions were reimbursed because when you see a lot of family members giving at the same time, they could be conduit contributors.

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[redacted] contribution to YOUNG's leadership PAC in March of 2005 is an odd amount, $4,207, which led [redacted] to think it might be an in-kind contribution for a private flight to Pine Bluff, Arkansas, because YOUNG likes to travel by private planes.

These bundled contributions on or around the same date by the [redacted] in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, to a U.S. Representative from Alaska, are an anomaly for their normal political giving.

A year later, in 2006, contributions to U.S. Representative [redacted] another conferee on the Transportation Committee, by [redacted] from Pine Bluff, Arkansas, list [redacted] as a Consultant to [redacted] JD CONSULTING CO.

On the website, http://earmarks.omb.gov, [redacted] found that $738,000 had been distributed to the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department for the I-530 extension from Arkansas to I-20 in Louisiana. The amount was from Public Law 108-447, which corresponds to House Resolution 4818 of December 8, 2004, the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2005. In the Conference Report "Making Appropriations For Foreign Operations, Export Financing,

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[redacted] previously identified, was interviewed on September 22, 2008, and September 23, 2008, at Schiff Hardin, 1666 K Street, NW, Washington, DC, his attorneys' offices, in the presence of his attorneys, [redacted] Also present at various times throughout the two-day interview were Department of Justice (DOJ) attorneys [redacted] Fraud Section Senior Trial Attorney, and Public Integrity Section Trial Attorneys, [redacted] Being already familiar with the identities of the interviewing agents and the attorneys, and after being advised of the nature of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information.

[Agent note: The following documents were reviewed with [redacted] Each document is referenced by its unique identifying number assigned within the Forensic Tool Kit (FTK) software used by the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Washington Field Office's Computer Analysis Response Team in the process of imaging the documents contained on the flash drives voluntarily provided by [redacted] The unique number of each e-mail is automatically printed at the bottom of each page, without noting a separate number for each page of a multi-page e-mail. For each spreadsheet and other Word document which did not automatically print with its assigned unique number, SA [redacted] typed the unique number on a small bates-stamp, placed on the lower right-hand corner of those documents. To aid review of these documents with bates-stamps, the page number of a multi-page document is listed following a hyphen after the unique number. In addition, the filename as it was saved on [redacted] flash drive is listed above the unique number on the bates-stamp. On September 22, 2008, the following were reviewed:

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information, but it was inside information. [redacted] would give out that kind of inside information about conference with some lobbyists, but he did not want to do it because the numbers consistently changed in conference and it could muck things up.

[redacted] was shown e-mail chain [redacted]

[redacted] was shown e-mail chain [redacted] There may not be many e-mails like this because [redacted] could have been making such comments from the House mark and because changes were sometimes made directly on paper copies of the project lists. When [redacted] would get the next version of the spreadsheet, they would go through it and reconcile them.

When asked why [redacted] used his personal e-mail on occasion, [redacted] advised that he did not know. Early on, [redacted] had gotten out of using his government e-mail account. [redacted] had a Blackberry on which he could access his House of Representatives e-mail account. [redacted] also used his personal e-mail account for official business. To make sure he received an e-mail, they would send it to multiple personal [redacted] accounts. [redacted] does not think [redacted] was using his personal e-mail account to get around anything.

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[redacted] was shown e-mail [redacted], From [redacted] wrote, "Below are the adds I would recommend with the extra $18-?? million...." [redacted] made this list. Some of the project adds recommended are from the ticker file, some are from the Members requests maintained in the subcommittee ticker file. In addition to several projects submitted by [redacted] being on this list, [redacted] was on the list because he was the [redacted] was on the list because he was in Leadership, [redacted] was on the list because he was an endangered Republican. Some of the other members may have been those who complained after the AMTRAK and Essential Air Service cuts. The projects listed for [redacted] were submitted by lobbyist [redacted] thought was probably on [redacted] Steering Committee. [redacted] explained that he had recommended not cutting

Representative DON YOUNG's projects any further "to keep the yelling down." [redacted] noted that one-third of the projects on this list were [redacted] projects.

[redacted] was shown e-mail [redacted] from [redacted] in which [redacted] wrote, "I was hoping to come this morning, but I have to go to Charlotte for a pitch.....I was certainly there in spirit. I know the conference is today. Let me know when I can get some final numbers (I think the Senate is going to try to help push Choctaw and Saginaw higher). THANKS again for all your help." [redacted] may have been referring to a breakfast fundraiser or [redacted] Steering Committee meeting that [redacted] may have missed that morning. [redacted] were on the Steering Committee. [redacted] was probably on the Steering Committee. There were also probably others [redacted] could not recall. [redacted] was the [redacted] Steering Committee.

[redacted] who was a lobbyist with WILLIAMS & JENSEN, is from Oklahoma and is aligned with the Oklahoma delegation. [redacted] gave [redacted] to a 30,000 square feet lake house in New York owned by a developer, where they did staff trips. [redacted] did not go.

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[redacted] was shown e-mail [redacted] from [redacted] attaching a spreadsheet saved as [redacted] This is the list of projects for the additional pot of $18 million dollars that was created later in the appropriations process. [redacted] request for money for the I-69 Connector in Arkansas was placed on this list by [redacted] Representative [redacted] had a project on this list because of the subcommittee. [redacted] was responsible for Representative [redacted] request being on this list. [redacted] does not think the Cooper River Bridge project on the list in Representative [redacted] district was a request submitted by [redacted] had bad-mouthed the project. [redacted] does not know why a few of the projects on the list, including [redacted] request, did not have an entry in the "Total for project" column despite having an amount in the "Amount increase" or "Amount Decrease" columns. [redacted] does not know why [redacted] name was used under the "Member name" column even though [redacted] was not a member of the US Congress and they could have used the Member name of the actual sitting Member in whose district the project was

[redacted] ideologically. [redacted] dealt with whoever on the staff handled his particular issue. Occasionally he would meet with [redacted] did a little fundraising, not very much. He may have set up one or two fundraisers. [redacted] remembered one fundraiser he thought was in UTAH with [redacted] METABOLIFE. But that was extent or peak pretty much of [redacted] fundraising for the office. [redacted] was not a very effective fundraiser.

[redacted] was referred to [redacted] request for $7.1 million for the I-69 connector from Pine Bluff to Monticello, Arkansas, included on page #72225-11 of the ticker file, which shows a "Yes, as modified" under the "Decision" column by [redacted] and under the "Comments" section states, "Provide $1.0 million in CONFERENCE, but not until then." [redacted] does not remember if they chose to put it in at conference because [redacted] wanted to try to slip in it without notice. [redacted] did not want to raise the request in the House bill. [redacted] thinks the request ultimately got $7 million. [redacted] was aware of the project from the dinner [redacted] hosted because they talked about it then. [redacted] was not aware of any funding for [redacted] or in the TEA-LU bill, nor did he know about [redacted] relationship with Representative DON YOUNG. They would have wanted to know because the project was being cross-funded. [redacted] was not familiar with the geography of Arkansas to know concerns were raised. [redacted] had raised concerns about this project request because it was a Republican request in a Democratic district, but that was the only objection. [redacted] did not remember the client but thinks it was someone from Associated General Contractors. When asked if it was PINE BLUFF SAND & GRAVEL, [redacted] replied, "yes, something like that." [redacted] client became donors to [redacted] around this time. This is the only instance [redacted] could recall where they pushed a project that was only requested by the private developer. For example, the Cross Valley Connector in the Los Angeles, California, area was requested by a large developer and the municipalities cared about it. [redacted] had a fundraiser hosted by [redacted] would have represented the clients in that project, not [redacted] of the LIVINGSTON GROUP, though they would have supported it. When asked if [redacted] made him aware that the company was going to be contributing to [redacted] said he did not recall anything that connected. [redacted] would lobby and then set up a fundraiser with these people.

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"Deal with this as a Member request", which appears under the "Comments" column for the second project on page 72225-11 of the ticker file, for the City of Elk Grove, which was a client of

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[redacted] previously identified, was interviewed telephonically by a call placed from the Department of Justice (DOJ), 1400 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C., in the presence of the below-listed agents, DOJ Fraud Section Senior Trial Attorney, [redacted] Trial Attorney, [redacted] and DOJ Public Integrity Section Trial Attorney, [redacted] who attended for a portion of the interview. Also present in the DOJ conference room during the telephonic interview were [redacted] attorney, [redacted] of SCHIFF HARDIN, in Washington, D.C., and a Summer Associate of his firm, [redacted] After being advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and the above-named persons present in the conference room, [redacted] provided the following information.

[redacted] confirmed that he had received the e-mails from [redacted] attaching several PDFs of scanned documents selectively printed from the flash drives [redacted] provided voluntarily in conjunction with his plea agreement.

[redacted] attention was directed to a spreadsheet called "List of projects.xls" attached to an e-mail dated [redacted] The list has the following headings: Column A: "Member Name"; Column B: "Project"; Column C: "Account"; Column D: "Amount"; Column E: "Submitter"; and Column F: "Additional Info". This list came from the "ticker file," more fully described by [redacted] in previous interviews, created and maintained by the office of former U.S. Congressman [redacted] to track incoming requests for [redacted] This list was a list [redacted] guessed that it was shorter in comparison with some of the other lists with subsequent dates in [redacted] because project requests continued to come into the office after the date.

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[redacted] The types of projects that would make it onto a list that [redacted] office would support had to meet the following criteria: (1) it had to be from a Republican Member, (2) it had to be requested by the Member in whose district the project was located, and (3) it generally could not be a transportation enhancement project, such as bike paths, because [redacted] did not want to fund such projects. [redacted] wanted roads for the most part. As long as a project met these criteria, it would get on the list, regardless

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[redacted] decisions on particular projects. The subcommittee staffers were also putting together lists of projects. The subcommittee staff would get the list of endangered Republicans's projects from the National Republican Congressional Committee (NRCC). The leadership of the party also had its own list of projects. Each committee and subcommittee Member had lists. Important Members like U.S. Representative DON YOUNG, who was the Chair of the House Transportation Committee, the authorizing body for appropriations, and the Members on the House Rules Committee had to be taken care of. The subcommittee would come up with its own version of a list for [redacted]

[redacted] was asked about the [redacted] e-mail he sent to [redacted] attaching three spreadsheets. In the e-mail, [redacted] wrote:

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The attached files were saved as: [redacted] The third spreadsheet attached is color-coded to correspond with which recommendation it received under Column G, [redacted] For example, the line entry is blue if it states "Item on project list but too low, needs to be increased" in Column G. The other Columns are: Column A "Member"; Column B "Account"; Column C "Priority"; Column D "Project Name"; Column E "Request"; Column F "Recommendation."

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Date of transcription 06/10/2008

[redacted] D.O.B.: [redacted] SSN: [redacted] was voluntarily interviewed at the Washington Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, 601 4th Street, NW, Washington, D.C., prior to entering his guilty plea to 18 U.S.C. 371, Conspiracy to Commit Honest Services Fraud, at the U.S. District Court in Washington, D.C., later that day. [redacted] was accompanied by his attorneys, [redacted] arrived shortly after the interview started), of SCHIFF HARDIN, 1666 K Street, NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20006. Also present during the interview were [redacted] Trial Attorney with the Department of Justice (DOJ) Public Integrity Section, and [redacted] Senior Trial Attorney with the DOJ Fraud Section. [redacted] was advised that the purpose of the interview was for him to disclose, prior to entering his guilty plea, any activities in which he had criminal exposure which had not been previously disclosed to the Government. [redacted] provided the following information.

When former U.S. Rep. [redacted] was running for [redacted] used government resources for that campaign. These resources included LEXIS/NEXIS and a government laptop, but not necessarily a fax machine. For the most part of that campaign, [redacted] campaign office and [redacted] knew that. [redacted] began seriously contemplating his run for [redacted] had fired his Campaign Manager by that time so [redacted] was doing that position's work in addition to his own until about [redacted] when they hired a new Campaign Manager.

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[redacted] had used some of his vacation days in the beginning to cover his time working for [redacted] but then there were days to weeks working on the race that were not covered by his vacation days. At least 2,000 hours a year of work is expected for a Congressional staffer. Their office manager kept a schedule of vacation time.

In the [redacted] would work in [redacted] Congressional office for a half-day, and then spend the rest of the day working in the campaign office. There was not a lot to do in the Congressional office because [redacted] was not seeking re-

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transportation projects. They interacted when they were putting together the Transportation Appropriations bill. [redacted] would meet with U.S. Rep. DON YOUNG to go over projects. They also interacted when TEA-LU was going through. [redacted] does not know [redacted] a staffer on the Transportation Committee.

[redacted] has met lobbyist [redacted] couple of times at fundraisers they had. [redacted] worked the authorizing committee (Transportation Committee).

[redacted] represented Oklahoma Department of Transportation. [redacted] former staffer on the Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee, hated [redacted]

[redacted] does not know [redacted]

[redacted] is a former Congressman. [redacted] knows him. One of [redacted] went to work for [redacted] had a lot of Oklahoma clients. [redacted] one of [redacted] staffers, went to work for [redacted] at THE BREWSTER GROUP. [redacted] to get other work and helped him get a job with THE BREWSTER GROUP, though [redacted] had to close the deal.

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With respect to documents preserved from [redacted] time in office, [redacted] advised that there may be a binder of appropriations requests with [redacted] handwritten comments. [redacted] would have a copy of his server information and his drive information, and a back-up of everyone else's information before their computers were wiped when they were leaving the House of Representatives at the end of [redacted] last term. [redacted] never picked up his copy of that information from the information technology (I.T.) person in Oklahoma who created those back-up copies for them. The I.T. person is [redacted] in Oklahoma.

[redacted] does not recall lobbyists attending the Chief of Staff retreats he attended. Lobbyists were present at the Congressional Retreat but he did not receive any things of value from them. He did not receive any things of value that were not disclosed on his travel disclosure form in connection with the trip he took to the Cayman Islands for the purpose of learning about international banking.

[redacted] had a hunting place in Maryland. [redacted] did not know anything about it other than it consisted of some hunting land and some kind of house.

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Date of transcription 05/01/2008

[redacted] D.O.B.: [redacted] SSN: [redacted] was voluntarily interviewed at the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Bond Building, 1400 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC, under the terms of the proffer agreement dated 04/29/2008, attached hereto. [redacted] was accompanied by his attorneys, [redacted] and [redacted] of SCHIFF HARDIN, 1666 K Street, NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20006. Also present during the interview were [redacted] Special Agent, Office of Inspector General, GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION, and [redacted] Trial Attorney with the DOJ Public Integrity Section, and [redacted] Trial Attorney with the DOJ Fraud Section. Pursuant to the proffer agreement dated [redacted] provided the following information.

[redacted] began his political career in [redacted] working on the first campaign of [redacted] for US House of Representatives in [redacted] won that campaign and [redacted] became [redacted] in Washington, D.C., in the end of [redacted] in approximately [redacted] He then served as [redacted]

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[redacted] prior to the time when [redacted] served as the [redacted] for the CONSERVATIVE ACTION TEAM (CATS) group on Capitol Hill. [redacted] and [redacted] were both active in the CATS group.

[redacted] ran his office with an open-door policy. [redacted] "ran the office." As [redacted] did the initial cut on who would get a meeting with [redacted] rather than meeting with a particular staffer. [redacted] oversaw and ran the DC office." They had a District Director in [redacted] who ran the district office, but also reported to [redacted] interacted with campaign funding, which was handled by [redacted] who served as the [redacted] for two to three years.

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they went to lunch near the WHITE HOUSE, possibly at THE WILLARD. [redacted] had not worked with [redacted] outside of the CATS group. [redacted] remembered telling the staffer, "Don't ever trust the Leadership."

As a lobbyist, [redacted] Another early issue [redacted] brought to [redacted] was related to off-shore corporate tax concerns of TYCO. [redacted] was the client representative on behalf of TYCO.

The ISTOOK Amendment, proposing that no tribe could take any more land into trust unless it had a compact with the state in which it sits to collect sales tax from the sale of items on reservation lands to non-Indians, was first offered [redacted] in 1996. It was defeated. It was offered in 1997 and also defeated. In 1998, they had the votes to ensure passage, but [redacted] withdrew it because [redacted] met with [redacted] office and told [redacted] that if he offered it that year it would be defeated. [redacted] heard that US Representative [redacted] that he would not run for re-election that year if [redacted] did not deliver three things. [redacted] was from a district in which no other Republican could win an election. [redacted] had back problems and did not like to work hard. One of the three things [redacted] required from [redacted] was that [redacted] not offer his Amendment that year. US Representative DON YOUNG may have also been involved in making that demand to [redacted]

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[redacted] was lobbying against the ISTOOK Amendment on behalf of [redacted] had met with many tribes and lobbyists regarding this Amendment. They all wanted to know if there was any common ground that could be reached to prevent them from offering the Amendment. [redacted] also met with lobbyists regarding this Amendment. [redacted] knew of this because he would get a call from a lobbyist who just met with [redacted] and the lobbyist would represent on the phone call that [redacted] agreed with them that something could be done to prevent them from offering the Amendment. These were misunderstandings between [redacted] and the lobbyist, which [redacted] had to address.

[redacted] met with [redacted] and a tribal client regarding this Amendment, possibly in 1997. [redacted] had circulated a made-up copy of an Amendment that they held out as being the Amendment that [redacted] was going to offer. [redacted] confronted [redacted] about that tactic, in front of [redacted] client, and

embarrassed [redacted] never brought it up with [redacted] after that.

In 1998 or 1999, some of the champions of the ISTOOK Amendment began talking to YOUNG about how they could achieve their goal of addressing the jurisdictional void regarding the imposition of state sales taxes on reservation lands within their state, without having to use the ISTOOK Amendment to do it. They were discussing bringing legislation in an authorizing bill through the House Resources Committee, which YOUNG chaired. In 2000, YOUNG held a mark-up on a bill to eliminate the jurisdictional void on the issue, but it failed. Lobbyist [redacted] worked this issue on behalf of the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CONVENIENCE STORES (NACS). He worked it by going to Alaska with YOUNG and playing golf. [redacted] did not work this issue because [redacted] was ingrained on the issue. [redacted] lobbyists' position on this matter was very "client-centered" and "knee jerk."

[redacted] guessed that in 1998 the ISTOOK Amendment issue was done. The TRUCK STOP OPERATORS was the association still in favor of the ISTOOK Amendment. [redacted] thinks the ISTOOK Amendment is the primary reason why [redacted] was viewed as not being tribal-friendly. A smaller reason relates to [redacted] proposed legislation which would have taken funds out of Oklahoma's resources.

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[redacted] continued to be the biggest relationship that [redacted] office had with anyone from PRESTON GATES. [redacted] primarily worked the office on behalf of his postal clients because [redacted] was on the Treasury Postal subcommittee of the U.S. House Appropriations Committee. [redacted] represented PITNEY BOWES and MAGAZINE PUBLISHERS OF AMERICA (MPA). [redacted] would try to educate [redacted] about how badly the United States Postal Service was run, and bring in his clients to talk about postal issues. [redacted] went to Connecticut in 1996 or 1997 or 1998 to tour the PITNEY BOWES facility. Then they went to New York City, NY, to meet with the [redacted] possibly (First Name Unknown) [redacted] and the others flew up to CT, but took the train back to Washington, D.C., because of inclement weather. They stayed overnight in CT, and probably had dinner, but left the next day. They did not attend any theater shows or other entertainment events on this trip. This was not a glamourous trip. [redacted] and [redacted] were on the trip, along with some other Capitol Hill staffers whom [redacted] could not remember. [redacted] basically worked [redacted] office to get questions posed at hearings of the

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[redacted] Date of Birth (DOB) [redacted] Social Security Number (SSN) [redacted] home address [redacted] Washington, D.C., and telephone number [redacted] was interviewed at the Washington Field Office (WFO) of the FEDERAL BUREAU of INVESTIGATION (FBI) in Washington, D.C. Also present for the interview was DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ) Attorney [redacted] After being advised as to the identities of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information:

[redacted]

[redacted] was a congressional staffer on the House Transportation Committee who was close to JACK ABRAMOFF. [redacted] the COMMONWEALTH of the NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS (CNMI) Government. The CNMI had been an on and off client of ABRAMOFF for several years [redacted] through introduction by ABRAMOFF, but [redacted] could not recall the first time he met [redacted]

[redacted] was under the impression that [redacted] received a lot of sporting tickets from ABRAMOFF. [redacted] sitting in ABRAMOFF's floor seats at the MCI CENTER for Washington Wizards basketball games on at least two occasions. [redacted] also observed [redacted] several times in ABRAMOFF's sports suite at the MCI CENTER. [redacted] commented that to receive floor seats from ABRAMOFF was a big deal, and that when he [redacted] in those seats, he [redacted] was an important person. Floor seats were typically reserved for the important clients.

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While [redacted] did not have much contact with [redacted] considered [redacted] to be a good lobbying contact, as he [redacted] would respond quickly to phone calls and e-mail. Likewise, [redacted] would get back to [redacted] quickly as he was considered one of ABRAMOFF's guys.

[redacted] was asked if he played golf with [redacted] recalled playing golf with ABRAMOFF, [redacted] one time at Woodmere Country Club, where ABRAMOFF was a member. [redacted] could not recall the discussions that were held during the round of golf, but [redacted] did remember that they joked about [redacted]

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by SA [redacted] ksl

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[redacted] was asked about [redacted] use of his personal e-mail account when he dealt with ABRAMOFF or lobbyists at GT. [redacted] did recall sending e-mail to [redacted] personal e-mail account. [redacted] considered [redacted] to be in the [redacted] category, as [redacted] maintained a close personal and business relationship with ABRAMOFF. [redacted] thought that [redacted] was using his personal e-mail account as a way to conceal his relationship with ABRAMOFF.

[redacted] saw [redacted] at SIGNATURES RESTAURANT on a regular basis. [redacted] believes that [redacted] was comped on occasion, may have paid for some meals, and ate for free when he [redacted] dined with ABRAMOFF.

[redacted] was asked if he was aware of ABRAMOFF trying to develop a maritime practice at GT. [redacted] had a lot of maritime clients, and [redacted] recalled that ABRAMOFF wanted GT to get involved in the maritime practice as GT lobbyist, [redacted] had that expertise.

[redacted] was asked about [redacted] involvement in the Federal Highway Bill. [redacted] advised that the Federal Highway Bill was a big deal with a lot of the clients. [redacted] were the primary points of contact at GT on the Federal Highway Bill as they had the contacts with the Transportation Committee. [redacted] was a former staffer to CONGRESSMAN DON YOUNG (Republican - Alaska). [redacted] was close to YOUNG's [redacted] as they were drinking buddies. [redacted] remembered going to a YOUNG fundraiser at the Corning House in September of 2003 and saw [redacted] talking with YOUNG. [redacted] came away impressed with [redacted] as it appeared that [redacted] had YOUNG's ear. [redacted] reported to [redacted] on the Transportation Committee.

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[redacted] was asked about GT lobbying for [redacted] [redacted] was helping [redacted] on a tax bond issues and he (ABRAMOFF) had several lobbyists assisting on the issue. While [redacted] was not a client, ABRAMOFF wanted to play at that level and obtain [redacted] as a client. There was animosity among the lobbyists at GT over working the [redacted] tax bond issue because nobody felt it would materialize and it caused them to be taken away from work on paying clients. [redacted] was asked about lobbying work to convert Exit 16, Arena Drive on Interstate 495 (next to FEDEX Field) into a full-time interstate ramp. [redacted] advised that he never heard anything about that issue being discussed at GT.

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[redacted], previously identified, was interviewed at the offices of the DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ), 1400 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C., in the presence of his attorney, [redacted] Chadbourne & Parke LLC, and DOJ Trial Attorney [redacted] After being advised as to the identity of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information:

CONGRESSMAN [redacted]

[redacted] advised that he first dealt with [redacted] in approximately August 2000 when [redacted] was the [redacted] in the Florida State Legislature. [redacted] needed assistance as there was concern that Governor Jeb Bush, State Attorney General Butterworth and the Florida Legislature were making moves that would have made SUNCRUZ's business illegal. At that time, [redacted] was unfamiliar with the Florida Legislature and he [redacted] had to rely on GREENBERG TRAURIG's (GT) Tallahassee, Florida office. Florida GT lobbyists, [redacted] had developed a strong relationship with [redacted] and other Florida delegates. [redacted] recalled [redacted] being helpful on SUNCRUZ and recalled setting up a meeting with [redacted] in early 2001, and having dinner with [redacted] to discuss the issues surrounding SUNCRUZ. [redacted] was interested in being helpful to [redacted] was considering running for Congress. [redacted] did not want to rely on Florida GT's office as he did not trust that office, as he thought they were "sleazy", and he wanted to develop their own (GT - Washington, D.C. Office) relationship with [redacted] was a good candidate to support and develop a relationship with as he was an "up and coming" congressional candidate and he had leadership qualities, meaning that he had potential to acquire a leadership position in Congress down the road.

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GT lobbyists [redacted] were the primary points of contact with [redacted] and his office when he arrived in Washington, D.C. in [redacted] as a Congressman. [redacted] recalled that [redacted] was provided with fundraisers and campaign contributions. While [redacted] could not recall anything specific that [redacted] did in return, [redacted] thought that [redacted] and his office were particularly helpful to GT. [redacted] commented

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provide the $25K check to the SRPF. [redacted] was asked if the $25K check was given to the SRPF. [redacted] located an e-mail, dated May 22, 2001, with [redacted] inquires about the $25K as the Speaker of the House asked about it on several occasions. [redacted] e-mailed [redacted] that he didn't think there would be a check from SUNCRUZ. [redacted] doubted that a $25K check was given as SUNCRUZ was experiencing financial difficulties at that time.

SCOTLAND 2003

[redacted] began talking about the Scotland 2003 golf trip shortly after the Scotland golf trip in August 2002. [redacted] tasked [redacted] and his GT staffers, to include [redacted] to find Members to go on the trip. [redacted] rule was that GT staffers couldn't go on the trip unless they found a Member to go on the trip. In the Spring of 2003, [redacted] became more serious about planning the trip as they needed to line up Members to go on the trip in order to justify the trip. [redacted] and his staff about going and [redacted] approached CONGRESSMAN DON YOUNG, but they didn't work out. While [redacted] didn't want [redacted] to attend the trip because he was a "pest" on the 2002 trip, [redacted] attended the 2003 trip as he was able to get [redacted] to attend the Scotland 2003 trip. [redacted] could not recall if [redacted] paid his portion of the expenses on either the 2002 or 2003 trip.

[redacted] advised that there was a last minute rush to fill up the plane for the Scotland 2003 trip. [redacted] were all last minute additions on the trip. [redacted] also attended. [redacted], was always helpful to GT. [redacted] to go on the trip. [redacted] asked to go on the trip, but he was not invited until the last minute because they really wanted to bring a Congressman on the trip. [redacted] was asked to attend a few days before the event and he was a good guy to invite because he was a good golfer.

[redacted] was asked if he had any discussions with [redacted] or [redacted] office before the trip. [redacted] does not believe he spoke with [redacted] before the trip. [redacted] was the point of contact with [redacted] office regarding the trip. [redacted] was asked if he recalled [redacted] office or [redacted] asking about an ethics letter. [redacted] recalled speaking to [redacted] about being the host of the event, in name only, but didn't recall any discussion of an ethics letter. [redacted] believes there were a

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previously identified, was interviewed at the FEDERAL BUREAU of INVESTIGATION (FBI) Office in Falls Church, Virginia. Also present for the interview were DEPARTMENT of JUSTICE (DOJ) Trial Attorneys and attorney, provided the following information:

advised that prior to attending the Military Tattoo during the 2003 Scotland trip, a dinner was held at a restaurant. sat at a table with a Russian male and an individual who advised he was affiliated with the Parliament. recalled that the Russian made several toasts, which included drinking shots of whiskey. ank several shots of whiskey, which resulted in becoming extremely intoxicated by the end of the dinner. was so intoxicated that had to help walk out of the restaurant.

advised that he didn't discuss any business at the dinner, nor did he observe discussing any business at the dinner. obtained a business card from the individual affiliated with the Parliamentarian, but threw the card away. never told what he discussed with that individual.

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advised that took a lot of pictures from the 2003 Scotland trip. did not believe that attended the dinner and Military Tattoo in Edinburgh.

was asked if anybody was aware of CONGRESSMAN DON YOUNG's relationship with lobbyist thought that YOUNG's may have known about YOUNG's relationship with

was asked if there were any unusual requests submitted from CONGRESSMEN for the 2005 Highway Transportation Bill. advised that there were a lot of requests from Former

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Date of transcription 06/14/2007

[redacted] FLORIDA DEPARTMENT of TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) District 5, 719 South Woodland Boulevard, DeLand, Florida 32720, telephone number [redacted] and cellular telephone [redacted] was interviewed at the United States Attorney's Office in Orlando, Florida. Also present for the interview was Department of Justice (DOJ) Trial Attorney [redacted] After being advised as to the identity of the interviewing agent and DOJ Trial Attorney, and the nature of the information, [redacted] provided the following information:

[redacted] has been with the FDOT since [redacted] and served in the following positions:

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[redacted] was asked about the "International Festival" project where an access driveway was requested at the interchange of Kirkman Road and International Drive. [redacted] recalled that the access issue had been an ongoing issue for several years, and the issue kept on re-surfacing. [redacted] advised that there had been an extensive review to determine if limited right of way had

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been obtained by FDOT for that property. Also, an operational review had been conducted to determine the feasibility and safety of the access driveway. [redacted] recalled that [redacted] the FDOT [redacted] researched title documents to determine if the FDOT obtained limited access right of way. While FDOT did not concede if FDOT properly had limited right of way for the interchange, [redacted] recalled that there were safety concerns, and FDOT was not going to approve the access driveway regardless.

[redacted] was shown a letter, dated June 16, 2003, from FDOT District 5 [redacted] denying the access driveway. [redacted] believes that [redacted] wrote the letter to [redacted] after discussing the issue with him [redacted] who was the Traffic Operations Engineer. [redacted] recalls talking to [redacted] regarding the access driveway, but does not recall specifics from the conversation.

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[redacted] recalled that CONGRESSMAN DON YOUNG's name was being bounced around, and that YOUNG was inquiring about the access driveway. [redacted] believes he may have heard this from FDOT [redacted] who may have asked [redacted] to take a look at the access driveway again. [redacted] looked at the access issue again and came to the same conclusions that the access was not safe. [redacted] advised that he may have sent an internal e-mail to [redacted] with his conclusions.

[redacted] advised that International Festival then requested approval for overhead signs. The overhead signs were approved, but the International Festival wanted FDOT to pay for the signs. FDOT told International Festival that they would have to pay for the signs.

[redacted] is unaware of any involvement by [redacted] regarding the International Festival project.

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Date of transcription 06/11/2007

[redacted] MIAMI-DADE AVIATION DEPARTMENT (MDAD), P.O. BOX 025504, Miami, Florida 33102, telephone number [redacted] and cellular telephone number [redacted] was interviewed at his office at the MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (MIA) in Miami, Florida. Also present for the interview was Department of Justice (DOJ) Trial Attorney [redacted] After being advised as to the identity of the interviewing agent and DOJ Attorney, and the nature of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information:

Prior to being appointed as the [redacted] of the MDAD in [redacted] had been with the FLORIDA DEPARTMENT of TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) for over [redacted] began his career with FDOT in [redacted] Engineer in District 4. District 4 covered Broward, Palm Beach, Okeechobee, Collier, and St. Lucie Counties. In [redacted] was transferred to District 6 where he performed environmental assessments in the Project Development and Environment Department. District 6 covered Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties. In [redacted] was promoted to th[redacted] [redacted] oversaw all projects before construction was initiated. In [redacted] was promoted as the [redacted] for District 6. In [redacted] was encouraged to apply for the [redacted] of FDOT. [redacted] applied and was nominated by Governor Jeb Bush as the [redacted] of the FDOT. As the [redacted] of FDOT, [redacted] managed the seven transportation districts in Florida and he reported to Governor Bush. [redacted] served in that position until [redacted]

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[redacted] was asked about District 5, which covered the Orlando area. [redacted] advised that [redacted] was named the [redacted] of District 5 in either 1999 or 2000, which was before [redacted] appointment as FDOT [redacted] After [redacted] retired, [redacted] of District 5. [redacted] described [redacted] as "one of the best" engineers.

[redacted] was asked if he had any knowledge or involvement in a project known as "International Festival", which was located at the interchange of International Drive and Kirkman Road. [redacted] advised that he never heard of or was involved in any issues at Kirkman Road and International Drive.

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[redacted] was asked if he recalled a situation in 2003 where funding was an issue regarding the Federal Transportation Equity Act (TEA-LU). [redacted] recalled being opposed to the TEA-LU Bill, as he viewed it as being a backward process. [redacted] was more concerned about the amount of federal monies being sent back to Florida from the federal government. [redacted] met with CONGRESSMAN DON YOUNG regarding the increase of Florida's transportation funding. YOUNG commented to [redacted] that Governor Jeb Bush was brothers with the President, and if he wanted it done, Governor Bush should just call the President to ask for a favor. [redacted] was shocked by YOUNG's statement as Governor Bush did not operate or think in that manner.

Other than meeting with YOUNG, [redacted] contact with Congress was limited. [redacted] left the federal lobbying to [redacted] who was in charge of FDOT's Government Relations Office in Washington, D.C. [redacted] advised that FDOT [redacted] may have additional information as he was more involved in the TEA-LU Bill.

[redacted] was asked if he ever met or spoke with CONGRESSMAN [redacted] advised that he met [redacted] once when [redacted] was the [redacted]

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[redacted] white male, date of birth: [redacted] place of birth: Kansas, social security account number: [redacted] Virginia, telephone number: [redacted] was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the purpose for this interview. Present for the duration of this interview were: SA [redacted] DCIS, Trial Counsel [redacted] Public Integrity Section, DOJ, AUSA [redacted] United States Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia, and counsel for [redacted] McDermott, Will, and Emory. This interview took place at the Public Integrity Section, DOJ, Washington, D.C. [redacted] provided the following information:

[redacted] Colex and Associates (C&A), which is a lobbying firm that [redacted]

[redacted] approached [redacted] to request assistance for a company named Xenonics. [redacted] believed former Congressman [redacted] [redacted] recommended [redacted] lobbying firm to [redacted] previously knew [redacted] was an investor in Xenonics. [redacted] stated that he did not know much about [redacted] employment except that [redacted] was "a big financier from New York." [redacted] approached [redacted] because Xenonics needed assistance on Capitol Hill marketing its high powered flashlight, which the company believed the U.S. Army needed. [redacted] of Xenonics, and [redacted] knew each other. [redacted] main point of contact at Xenonics. [redacted] believed that [redacted] sold all of his shares in Xenonics at some point and is no longer involved with the company.

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[redacted] related that most of his lobbying efforts on behalf of Xenonics were directed at Congressman John Murtha. Congressman Murtha was lobbied by [redacted] because of Murtha's position on the House Appropriations Committee. [redacted] stated he did a small amount of lobbying in the Senate, where he lobbied the office of Senator

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[redacted] did not lobby Congressman [redacted] or Congressman [redacted] stated he did not meet with any other Members of Congress on behalf of Xenonics.

During the initial meeting between [redacted] and [redacted] the Xenonics Nighthunter product and its applications were described to [redacted] later learned that the U.S. Military field units wanted the product, but the Pentagon was not funding it because they viewed it as a "just a flashlight." According to [redacted] there was a disconnect between the units in the field and the Pentagon that had to be solved in order for Xenonics to get the Nighthunter product in the hands of the operational units.

[redacted] met with Congressman Murtha to discuss the Xenonics product and its usefulness to the U.S. Military. Congressman Murtha directed [redacted] a staffer assigned to the Appropriations Committee, to investigate the U.S. Army's need for the Xenonics Nighthunter during a visit to Ft. Belvoir. After the visit, Congressman Murtha's staff added language to the fiscal year 2003 appropriations bill to earmark $3 million for the U.S. Army to purchase the Xenonics Nighthunter product. [redacted] also had contact with a Major assigned to the Night Vision Laboratory at Ft. Belvoir. b6 b7C

[redacted] did not have a point of contact for the Marines. According to [redacted], the Marines requested the product on their own. According to [redacted] the Air Force, Marines, and the Army are using the Nighthunter illumination device.

[redacted] had contact at the Department of Defense to promote the Nighthunter. Specifically, [redacted] talked to [redacted] then [redacted] of the Army, in an attempt to convince the Army to spend the money that had been earmarked by Congress. [redacted] explained there was difficulty in getting the earmarked money released, which he blamed on the Pentagon's bureaucracy. According to [redacted] it took about a year to get the money released by the Army for the purchase. After the initial lobbying efforts to assist Xenonics obtain congressional funding for its product, [redacted] continued to lobby on behalf of Xenonics and was able to help obtain additional earmarks for Xenonics.

When Congressman Don Young was the Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, [redacted] contacted Young's office, but did not meet directly with him.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE Date: 12/06/2010

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Contact: SA [redacted]

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Title: [redacted]
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LEGISLATIVE BRANCH;

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Synopsis: To request closure of captioned Full Field Public Corruption Investigation, and to advise FBI Headquarters (FBIHQ), Public Corruption Unit (PCU) of same through enclosed Letterhead Memorandum (LHM).

Full Investigation Initiated: 10/19/2006

Enclosure(s): For Public Corruption Unit is one original and one copy of closing LHM on captioned matter.

Details: On October 19, 2006, the Washington Field Office SAC authorized the opening of a Full Field Investigation (FFI) to investigate the allegations of federal corruption involving [redacted]

[redacted]

January 2006, ABRAMOFF, a lobbyist at GREENBERG & TRAURIG, pled guilty in U.S. District Court, District of Columbia, to one count

payments in January and February 2002 from his non-profit corporation, CAPITAL ATHLETIC FOUNDATION (CAF) to help him stay afloat until he found employment. ABRAMOFF told [redacted] to treat it as consulting work. ABRAMOFF continued to assist [redacted] in trying to get a position on the Hill. In June 2002, ABRAMOFF, with the assistance of [redacted] for REP. DON YOUNG (R-ALASKA), was able to secure [redacted] a staff position on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

Upon [redacted] arrival on the Hill, [redacted] received a lot of attention from ABRAMOFF, including golfing with ABRAMOFF at private country clubs to sports tickets and free dining at SIGNATURES. In an e-mail dated [redacted] ABRAMOFF told [redacted] that it's his (ABRAMOFF's) turn to take care of him. In return, [redacted] provided access to ABRAMOFF and his clients on issues involving the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. Some of the things that [redacted] received of value from ABRAMOFF included the following:

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SCOTLAND 2003

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Date of transcription 03/30/2007

[redacted] previously identified, provided the following information:

[redacted] advised that lobbyist [redacted] was very close to CONGRESSMAN DON YOUNG and got whatever he [redacted] wanted from YOUNG. [redacted] had worked as a staffer for YOUNG before becoming a lobbyist.

Lobbyist [redacted] has strong ties with CONGRESSMAN DON YOUNG's office because he developed a strong relationship with YOUNG's [redacted] and YOUNG staffers. [redacted] advised that [redacted] practically lived at YOUNG's office and as a result, received a lot of money for clients. [redacted] recalled that [redacted] got money for a project in Tampa, Florida, as the city of Tampa was one of his clients. [redacted] advised that [redacted] would frequently provide YOUNG with private jets for transportation.

[redacted] advised that when [redacted] was trying to sign up MGM as a client, there was a meeting between [redacted] and a Government Relations representative from MGM. MGM was concerned about a provision being passed that would have resulted in a land exchange in Port Huron, Michigan. MGM wanted the provision taken out of the Transportation Bill. [redacted] told the MGM representative that if they gave $5,000 to YOUNG's PAC, [redacted] could guarantee that the legislation would not pass. [redacted] told them that he [redacted] had an "in" with YOUNG's [redacted] handing him [redacted] a list of projects that [redacted] wanted. [redacted] to "bird dog them", meaning to make sure they get included in the Transportation Bill. [redacted] believes that [redacted] received a lot of sporting tickets and free meals from [redacted] advised that [redacted] YOUNG's [redacted] could be a potential source of information, as she disliked [redacted] as he always showed up at the office.

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Lobbyist [redacted] who previously worked with YOUNG on the Resources Committee, would take the personal staff of SENATOR TED STEVENS and YOUNG to SIGNATURES Restaurant once or twice a month. [redacted] would pick up the tab for drinks and meals. [redacted] works for a lobbyist firm associated with STEVENS' [redacted]

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[redacted] commented that YOUNG gave the state of Arkansas a lot of appropriations in the 2005 Highway Bill. [redacted] advised that Former Highway [redacted] purposely took a pay cut just prior to leaving the Committee to work at a lobbying firm. [redacted] wanted a lower salary so that he would not have to comply with the one year lobbying ban. Despite taking the salary cut, [redacted] still maintained the same position as [redacted] of the Highway Subcommittee. Following his resignation from the Highway Subcommittee, [redacted] immediately began lobbying the Transportation Committee and was able to secure a large appropriation that benefitted his client, WALMART.

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[redacted] Date of Birth [redacted] Social Security Number [redacted] home address [redacted] home telephone number [redacted] was interviewed at the FEDERAL BUREAU of INVESTIGATION (FBI) Office in Falls Church, Virginia. Also present for the interview were [redacted] attorney, [redacted] and DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ) Trial Attorneys [redacted] Pursuant to a proffer agreement signed by [redacted] provided the following information:

BACKGROUND

[redacted] was born in [redacted] but graduated from high school in [redacted] Following high school, [redacted] attended a two year college, but she did not finish as she returned to [redacted] was involved in several businesses with her first husband. These businesses included a [redacted] advised that her entrepreneurial nature was developed from her parents, who owned their own businesses. [redacted] who is now deceased, was a [redacted]

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After divorcing her first husband in [redacted] owned and operated [redacted] Upon having kids, [redacted] became a sales representative for [redacted] in [redacted] but did not keep the job when the family moved to Washington, D.C. in the latter part of [redacted]

POLITICAL BACKGROUND

[redacted] advised that her family has been politically involved in the [redacted] since the [redacted] herself has been actively involved in politics since she was [redacted] as she would assist in campaigning and fundraising activities. In

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CASSIDY & ASSOCIATES

[redacted] advised that she was aware that CASSIDY was a large, prestigious lobbying firm in Washington, D.C. CASSIDY was hired by [redacted] to represent and provide lobbying services for the CNMI in exchange for a fee. [redacted] restated that she was hired to be [redacted] in Washington, D.C. [redacted] job was to work closely with CASSIDY and keep [redacted] informed on issues as they arose. [redacted] because he was too busy to stay on top of the issues. [redacted] estimated that she worked approximately [redacted] was asked if she had any experience in the consulting field or had been looking for work when [redacted] approached her. [redacted] advised it was the first time she opened a consulting firm. Prior to being contacted by [redacted] she was not looking to start a consulting business or seeking clients. [redacted] did advise that she was acutely aware of healthcare issues in the CNMI as her father was a diabetic.

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In addition to keeping [redacted] apprized of ongoing issues, [redacted] along with [redacted] helped get a letter signed by CONGRESSMAN DON YOUNG in support of the CNMI. [redacted] point of contact in YOUNG's office was [redacted] whom she called to get YOUNG's signature. [redacted] tried to get [redacted] help with the letter initially, but [redacted] said that he could not help. [redacted] advised that [redacted] was aware that she had a contract with the CNMI. [redacted] also drafted a letter from the CNMI Governor to the Department of Defense.

[redacted] was asked if TASI & ASSOCIATES was the name of the company [redacted] advised that TASI & ASSOCIATES was the name of the company [redacted] saying she had not, she was shown a letter from herself to the Department of Tax Administration, requesting to change the trade name from ZACHARES & ASSOCIATES to TASI & ASSOCIATES. [redacted]

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[redacted] previously identified, was interviewed at the FEDERAL PRISON CAMP (FPC) in Cumberland, Maryland. Also present for the interview were DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ) Trial Attorneys [redacted] After being advised as to the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information:

[redacted] was asked if [redacted] had any lobbying experience. [redacted] did not believe that [redacted] had any lobbying experience, and as far as he knew, she was a quiet, reserved girl from [redacted] did not believe that [redacted] had any formal education or sophisticated background, or had any interest in lobbying while she was in Washington, D.C.

[redacted] was shown a letter dated [redacted] from CASSIDY & ASSOCIATES to [redacted] TASI & ASSOCIATES. [redacted] was unaware of any contract that [redacted] may have had with CASSIDY & ASSOCIATES (CASSIDY). ABRAMOFF speculated that the consulting fee to [redacted] was a way for CASSIDY to get money to [redacted] who was on the House Transportation Committee, as a method to influence him. [redacted] commented that an arrangement to pay a member or staffer through a contract with his wife is "straight out of the playbook" and something he has seen done before by himself or other lobbyists. [redacted] once told [redacted] that in his position, he [redacted] had the power to stop money from going to the COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS (CNMI). While [redacted] had an agreement to work for CASSIDY after he left GREENBERG TRAURIG (GT) in 2004, [redacted] never actually worked for CASSIDY.

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COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS (CNMI)

[redacted] first met [redacted] (hereinafter referred to as [redacted] when he [redacted] was in Washington, D.C. to testify

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out on the Hill. [redacted] commented that [redacted] did everything he [redacted] wanted and controlled how much [redacted] did for others. [redacted] viewed [redacted] not as CONGRESSMAN YOUNG's staffer, but as his staffer. [redacted] ran almost everything through [redacted] before he took any action. [redacted] would often, after being pitched by lobbyist, come to [redacted] and ask for his opinion on the lobbyist. Ultimately, [redacted] would be working as a lobbyist for [redacted] did not want to help out a lobbyist that was competing with [redacted] interests. [redacted] did not prohibit [redacted] from dealing with other lobbyists, but [redacted] routinely asked [redacted] for the green light before he provided any assistance to other lobbyists.

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