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NCPPR MATERIALS

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From: Pizzella, Patrick (DC)  
 Sent: Monday, June 17, 1996 6:01 PM  
 To: Abramoff, Jack (DC)  
 Subject: Kurt call from Saipan

I just spoke with Kurt--we are on target. Two issues outstanding:

1. I told him about plan to award grant to National Center for Public Policy Research--he made some statement about telling folks these people are coming down at their own expense. That's when I told him about Amy's group and why I think it is better to just tell people upfront how this is being paid for. He agreed and then started talking about paperwork for a grant etc...I said we can cover that later. He obviously will be checking with Brenda etc.--
  2. He asked that you test his system by sending him an e-mail at: kurt@kurtart.com
- I plan to show you briefing book Wednesday AM. We are on track.

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**From:** Pizzella, Patrick (DC)  
**Sent:** Monday, July 01, 1996 12:36 PM  
**To:** Abramoff, Jack (DC)  
**Cc:** Senft, Jennifer (DC)  
**Subject:** CNMI trip payment issue

Jack, the airplane tickets were paid by PG; the hotel bills were paid by CNMI (each traveler just signed bill--no credit card requested); that leaves basically the fees for Bandow's services and report; and the reimbursement for the bills he accumulated (mostly hotel and food) in Guam and Samoa. That should come to about \$10,000. That is the amount CNMI should provide as a grant to NCPFR. Then they can cut check to Bandow. I do not see need for us to send airplane bills to NCPFR and then CNMI sending money (\$30,000) to cover those--do you?

Let me check further with Doug to nail down amount of bills he accumulated. I would like to finish up the \$5 aspect of this as soon as possible--it will impress Doug and Amy--both of whom will want to sell on reason for the failure. Thanks

From: Stephens, Dennis (DC)  
 Sent: Friday, April 09, 1999 7:46 AM  
 To: Abramoff, Jack (DC); Berger, Amy (DC)  
 Cc: Stephens, Dennis (DC)  
 Subject: RE: Gary Ruskin  
 I have scheduled a lunch with Bob Huberty, VP, Chad Cowan (our old friend from the NCPRA trip to Russia) and Patrick Reilly who does a lot of research and writing at the Capital Research Center. Monday, Iph - Tried for this week but to many people out of the office too often.

-----Original Message-----  
 From: Abramoff, Jack (DC)  
 Sent: Monday, April 05, 1999 2:52 PM  
 To: Stephens, Dennis (DC); Berger, Amy (DC)  
 Subject: RE: Gary Ruskin

Do it this week without Jeff. Amy, please work this into the hearing strategy, which should include our getting friendly witnesses (besides Paul Volkemar). Thanks.

-----Original Message-----  
 From: Stephens, Dennis (DC)  
 Sent: Monday, April 05, 1999 11:57 AM  
 To: Berger, Amy (DC); Abramoff, Jack (DC)  
 Subject: RE: Gary Ruskin

Can we do a lunch with Jeff and this group on his next visit? When is he planning to be in town? Or should we do it this week without Jeff? Thoughts?

-----Original Message-----  
 From: Berger, Amy (DC)  
 Sent: Monday, April 05, 1999 10:00 AM  
 To: Abramoff, Jack (DC); Stephens, Dennis (DC)  
 Subject: RE: Gary Ruskin

Dennis,  
 Jeff just raised this issue with me. He said, why aren't you guys doing more on Ruskin? Please move ahead with this! Please keep me informed. Thanks.

-----Original Message-----  
 From: Abramoff, Jack (DC)  
 Sent: Saturday, April 03, 1999 11:43 PM  
 To: Stephens, Dennis (DC)  
 Cc: Berger, Amy (DC)  
 Subject: FW: Gary Ruskin

Great. Can you get this moving?

-----Original Message-----  
 From: Chad Cowan [mailto:CCowan@capitalresearch.org]  
 <mailto:[mailto:CCowan@capitalresearch.org]>  
 Sent: Friday, April 02, 1999 10:23 AM  
 To: Stephens, Dennis (DC); Chad Cowan  
 Cc: Abramoff, Jack (DC)  
 Subject: Gary Ruskin

Sounds good to me. Let me know when would be good for you and we can do it. I'll pass this along to Bob Huberty, our VP- Dir. of Research. He should definitely be involved with this.

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Stephens, Dennis (DC) [SMTP:DennisS@prestongates.com]

> <mailto:[SMTP:DennisS@prestongates.com]>

> Sent: Friday, April 02, 1999 6:56 AM

> To: 'Chad Cowan'

> Cc: Abramoff, Jack (DC)

> Subject: RE: Capital Research Center Monthly Update - April 1999

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> Have you guys ever looked into Gary Ruskin, a Nader protege who runs  
> Commercial Alert (which is attacking Channel One, our client) and the  
> Congressional Accountability Project (which filed the last several  
> ethics charges in the House against Dick Aronay, Tom Delay, Dan Burton  
> and other top GOP leaders. The guy is a weasel. National Journal did  
> a puff piece on Ruskin this week. Someone should consider doing an in  
> depth piece on Ruskin and his Nader front groups. We should have  
> lunch and review the options.

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From: Abramoff, Jack (DC)  
 Sent: Monday, April 12, 1999 7:46 AM  
 To: Berger, Amy (DC)  
 Subject: FW: Alabama  
 FYI

-----Original Message-----  
 From: Ralph E. Reed, Jr. [SMTP:ralphreed@mindspring.com]  
 <mailto:[SMTP:ralphreed@mindspring.com]>  
 Sent: Monday, April 12, 1999 10:36 AM  
 To: 'Jeff Ballabon'  
 Cc: Abramoff, Jack (DC)  
 Subject: RE: Alabama

Jeff, good to talk to you this a.m. We will move quickly on the pro-parent, pro-children spokesperson and organization that will represent the views of the grassroots on this topic. I will get you some numbers on a grassroots program today and we can discuss it either now or when we are in Austin meeting with Joe McIlhaney. All my best, and I will talk to you soon.

-----Original Message-----  
 From: Jeff Ballabon [SMTP:JBallabon@ChannelOne.com]  
 <mailto:[SMTP:JBallabon@ChannelOne.com]>  
 Sent: Monday, April 12, 1999 7:58 AM  
 To: 'ralph@censtrat.com'; Jeff Ballabon  
 Cc: 'jacka@prestongates.com'  
 Subject: RE: Alabama  
 Importance: High

Outstanding.

There are a couple of points here which I'd like to address with the 2 of you by phone asap. First is this business about "Channel One isn't the issue-it's commercialism." That is a dangerous and sleazy tactic (although, Jack, it does fall right into Rabbi Lapin's argument and should help point us to the right people at CATO & Heritage &c. as well as the free speech & journalism people). We all know that, whatever Shelby is saying, the point of this hearing will be a series of witnesses attacking Channel One (Schlafly, Nader, Metrock, etc). And the result may well be that it cripples our business by scaring our advertisers. And, even worse, if this is not ostensibly Channel One but it is used as a forum to attack primarily us, we will be left mostly defenseless, because we'll probably get only one witness at most. We have got to make sure the [people putting pressure on Shelby are not appeased by that "it's not about Channel One" line. Second, we need to do more in the way of grassroots. It may be too late, but I want to create at least one, possibly 2 non-profit organizations of teachers/principals/parents asap. I'd like to discuss with you who should do it and how much it will cost and how quickly it can be up and running. Is it possible for the 3 of us to talk this a.m. before the 11 o'clock conference call?

Jeff

-----Original Message-----  
 From: Ralph E. Reed, Jr. [mailto:ralphreed@mindspring.com]  
 <mailto:[mailto:ralphreed@mindspring.com]>  
 Sent: Friday, April 09, 1999 9:11 PM  
 To: 'JBallabon@channelone.com'

Cc: 'jacka@prestongates.com'  
 Subject: Alabama

Since I last talked to you, we now have four letters from prominent state legislators in Alabama urging Shelby to back off and not hold hearings on Channel One. The most important is the member of the Ways and Means-Education Committee who Shelby personally recruited, supported, and raised money for his campaign. They had dinner last night, and then he attended the Opelika town hall meeting----which only we knew about, no media ever received Shelby's schedule because he refused to release it. The state representative also owns the radio station that controls the Auburn football radio network, so he is extremely influential across the state among the Auburn alumni, who are a powerful group in state politics. At the town hall meeting, the legislator brought up Channel One and asked Shelby to stop going after it. Shelby, our report indicates, replied that he was not out to get Channel One, but he was greatly concerned about commercialism in the schools, and C1 was at the nexus of that issue. This is, of course, not exactly what he has done, but it is helpful to know that this will be his response when confronted with the issue. There will be many more prominent letters/contacts coming from the network our operatives are establishing in the state. I want to stress again that no one else had Shelby's schedule and only we were able to insure a strong presence at the town hall meetings. You should have received all the letters this afternoon by facsimile. I will refax them to you Monday a.m. just to be sure. I will also put together a budget for an expanded grassroots program in Alabama in April/May and get it to you Monday, since it looks like hearings may happen. Have a great weekend, and I'll talk to you next week.

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From: Berger, Amy (DC)  
Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 1999 7:10 AM  
To: Abramoff, Jack (DC)  
Subject: RE: White Paper on Commercialism in Schools  
don't forget!!

-----Original Message-----  
From: Abramoff, Jack (DC)  
Sent: Monday, April 12, 1999 11:03 PM  
To: Pizzella, Patrick (DC); Berger, Amy (DC)  
Subject: RE: White Paper on Commercialism in Schools

I think Amy is the way to go. I am meeting with her this week. I'll raise it with her.

-----Original Message-----  
From: Pizzella, Patrick (DC)  
Sent: Monday, April 12, 1999 6:49 PM  
To: Berger, Amy (DC)  
Cc: Abramoff, Jack (DC)  
Subject: RE: White Paper on Commercialism in Schools

my guess is it would cost about \$5000 and we would want them to promote it....and we ought to use a smaller outfit...maybe Amy R., maybe CEI.....

-----Original Message-----  
From: Berger, Amy (DC)  
Sent: Monday, April 12, 1999 6:22 PM  
To: Pizzella, Patrick (DC)  
Cc: Abramoff, Jack (DC)  
Subject: White Paper on Commercialism in Schools

In preparation for hearings on Channel One, it would be extremely useful to have a white paper issued by a conservative think tank group like Heritage or CATO. I know that you have excellent contacts with these think tanks. Would you be able to work with a think tank to produce this type of a paper?



From: Abramoff, Jack (DC)  
 Sent: Wednesday, May 19, 1999 7:24 AM  
 To: Ritter, Daniel (DC); Berger, Amy (DC)  
 Subject: FW: NPA 245: Activists Take Aim at Corporate Involvement in Schools  
 FYI

-----Original Message-----  
 From: Jeff Ballabon (mailto:JBallabon@ChannelOne.com)  
 <mailto:[mailto:JBallabon@ChannelOne.com]>  
 Sent: Wednesday, May 19, 1999 8:19 AM  
 To: Abramoff, Jack (DC)  
 Subject: RE: NPA 245: Activists Take Aim at Corporate Involvement in Schools

rip - i have not forgotten (was it \$10? -- I wrote it down whatever it was, she'll use it.)  
 by the way, Ferrara's work was very, very shvach. I'm very disappointed and am not sure we should even use it. to add insult to injury, dan troy, who agreed to write a piece for us for free and already had agreement on spec to run it in the wall street journal - was waiting and waiting to get materials from us, but peter sat on them for so long that troy not only could not do the piece - he actually got insulted that we spurned his offer of help. all this, on top of the fact that peter only asked for \$3k and i told him i'd give him \$5k if he did it quickly (despite this, he was very late and missed every deadline he agreed to make) and turned out something outstanding (which he clearly did not). there is NOTHING at all anywhere in the piece which even attempts to make an economic analysis of the benefit to the schools, which I spent over an hour laying out for him, etc.  
 short and long of it - big disappointment; he let us down.

-----Original Message-----  
 From: Abramoff, Jack (DC) [mailto:jacka@prestongates.com]  
 <mailto:[mailto:jacka@prestongates.com]>  
 Sent: Wednesday, May 19, 1999 4:28 AM  
 To: Jeffery Ballabon-Office  
 Subject: FW: NPA 245: Activists Take Aim at Corporate Involvement in Schools

When we are through the hearing, we have to discuss getting Amy a contribution as we discussed. She was going to do 5 pieces for \$10K. We can chat on this next week.

-----Original Message-----  
 From: Amy Ridenour [mailto:ARidenour@nationalcenter.org]  
 <mailto:[mailto:ARidenour@nationalcenter.org]>  
 <mailto:[mailto:ARidenour@nationalcenter.org]>  
 <mailto:[mailto:ARidenour@nationalcenter.org]>>  
 Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 1999 11:55 AM  
 To: National Center for Public Policy Research  
 Subject: NPA 245: Activists Take Aim at Corporate Involvement in Schools

Activists Take Aim at Corporate Involvement in Schools  
 By Amy Ridenour

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On May 20, a U.S. Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee panel will convene to answer a question that will affect the daily lives of millions of U.S. schoolchildren.<sup>1</sup> That question: Should school districts be allowed to use educational programming, if that programming is paid for by commercials? One who says "no" is liberal activist Gary Ruskin, head of Ralph Nader's new anti-business group,<sup>2</sup> Commercial Alert. Ruskin urged the Senate to investigate Channel One,<sup>3</sup> which is the nation's number one provider of television news and educational programs to secondary schools. Channel One delivers programming to 12,000 public, private and parochial schools and throughout the school year has a daily audience of 400,000 educators and over 8 million teenagers.<sup>4</sup> At first glance, Channel One seems an unlikely target for controversy. It has won over 130 news and educational programming awards,<sup>5</sup> winning praise from media analysts like *Rolling Stone* magazine and Jim Lehrer,<sup>6</sup> and has aired over \$100 million worth of public service ads against drug use, drunk driving, youth violence and other important causes.<sup>8</sup> All Channel One programming to schools is free, and each school is able to use \$25,000 worth of Channel One's television sets and VCRs (one each per classroom) for any and all purposes free of charge.<sup>9</sup> Studies of educators around the nation show that schools choose Channel One for the quality of the programming; even hundreds of well-heeled schools that already have their own televisions and VCRs in classrooms subscribe simply for its programming.<sup>10</sup> Schools electing to receive Channel One programming receive a 12-minute news broadcast per day, which includes two minutes of commercials and 250 hours per year worth of commercial-free educational topics such as science, math, social studies, current events, language and the arts.<sup>11</sup> Schools have long recognized that their students learn too little about current events and how to analyze them. In the words of the National Catholic Education Association, Channel One is a gold mine for thousands of educators. But what draws the ire of critics like Ruskin and Nader, whose web site warns of "corporate predators,"<sup>12</sup> are the commercials. Although Channel One carefully screens its commercials to keep them appropriate for children and typically uses one of its two minutes of commercials for public service rather than commercial ads, these critics say that this small amount of commercial time so taints Channel One that the educational value of its 10 minutes of daily news and 250 hours of educational programming a year is nullified. Commercial Alert turns benefits of Channel One on its head: instead of seeing the free 10-minute current events program and 250 hours of educational programming and tens of thousands of dollars worth of equipment and servicing as a benefit received by the schools in exchange for one to two minutes of commercials, Commercial Alert sees the schools as exploited and those who benefit from Channel One's services as "forced"<sup>13</sup> to watch ads. Never mind that the schools are voluntary participants in the arrangement, and that they can cancel the service at any time. The Ruskin/Nader view does not seem to be echoed by the schools who have tried Channel One, as 99% of the schools that subscribe to the service have been choosing to continue their subscriptions. By encouraging the federal government to investigate Channel One, Commercial Alert is undermining the right of local schools to determine if Channel One is an asset to them. By holding a hearing at all, the Senators involved are endorsing the view that it is a federal, not local, matter to determine if schools accept free programming in exchange for a minute or two of commercials. Ruskin and Nader single out more than just Channel One in their attack on corporate involvement in the schools. According to a published report, Nader

called a San Ramon, California-based company, Zap Me, which provides free computers and Internet access to 5,000 schools<sup>14</sup> for a total estimated value of \$90,000 per school,<sup>15</sup> "child abuse" because the browsers on the computers have ads on them. Ruskina called Zap Me's services "absolutely immoral."<sup>16</sup> Zap Me President Frank Vigil responds by noting the large gap between the resources available to schools and what schools need,<sup>17</sup> noting that 9,000 schools applied for Zap Me services in its first month.<sup>18</sup> He also notes that kids using the Internet are going to see ads anyway.<sup>19</sup> Ruskina has an answer for that: "The Internet has no educational value."<sup>20</sup> But who should make the decision about school course content and technological support materials, a handful of activists and U.S. Senators, or local educators answerable to the parents in their community?

Footnotes:

- 1 Juliet Elperin, "TV Network for Schools Creates Static," Washington Post, April 3, 1999, p. A1.
- 2 Commercial Alert press release, September 8, 1998.
- 3 Commercial Alert press release, letter to Senator John McCain, November 23, 1998.
- 4 Channel One Informational Brochure, "Mission and Overview."
- 5 Channel One Informational Brochure, "Network Services."
- 6 Michael Kadish, "Day vs. Night," Brill's Content, September 1998.
- 7 Interview with Channel One staff, May 8, 1999.
- 8 Channel One Network Educator's Guide, May 1999, p. 5.
- 9 "Mission and Overview."
- 10 Interview with Channel One staff, May 8, 1999.
- 11 "Network Services."
- 12 <http://www.essential.org/alert> <<<http://www.essential.org/alert>>> downloaded May 6, 1999.
- 13 Commercial Alert press releases of January 19, 1998, January 1, 1999 and November 23, 1998.
- 14 Shawn Zeller, "A Crusader Against Commercialism," National Journal, March 27, 1999.
- 15 Chris Allbritton, Associated Press, "What's the Catch," published in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, December 9, 1998.
- 16 "Lions Among Lambs," Cowles-Simba Information, Information Access Company, February 1, 1999, downloaded from the Dow Jones Publications Library May 6, 1999.
- 17 Brad Stone, "An Icon from Our Sponsor," Newsweek, November 23, 1998.
- 18 Bruce Francis and Susan Lisovicz, "Web and Schools," CNNfn, December 4, 1998.
- 19 Stone.
- 20 "Lions Among Lambs."

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**From:** Abramoff, Jack (DC)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 19, 1999 7:34 PM  
**To:** Amy Moritz Ridenour  
**Subject:** Thank you

I just want to thank you again for all you do to help us. Jeff is so grateful and, as soon as the dust clears, is going to make his gratitude tangible. Thanks for all you do!

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**From:** Abramoff, Jack (DC)  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 23, 1999 6:49 AM  
**To:** 'Jeff Ballabon'  
**Subject:** RE: thank you

We should get her a check as soon as we can. She can really help us with the Approps battle (we have used her before for this kind of battle before).

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Jeff Ballabon [mailto:JBallabon@ChannelOne.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 23, 1999 2:12 AM  
**To:** Abramoff, Jack (DC)  
**Subject:** RE: thank you

she really does deliver

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Abramoff, Jack (DC) [mailto:jacka@prestongates.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 23, 1999 1:11 AM  
**To:** Jeffery Ballabon -- Office  
**Cc:** Berger, Amy (DC)  
**Subject:** FW: thank you

Don't you just love her!!!

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Amy Ridenour [mailto:ARidenour@nationalcenter.org]  
<mailto:[mailto:ARidenour@nationalcenter.org]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 23, 1999 1:13 AM  
**To:** Abramoff, Jack (DC)  
**Subject:** Re: thank you

You are very welcome, Jack.

I had a nice interview with Mike Reagan on this yesterday evening, and he's asked me to keep him informed if there are any new attacks on Channel One, which I will do. He asked me to give his listeners an action request so I told them all to contact Senator Shelby with the message: hands off Channel One!

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**From:** Abramoff, Jack (DC)  
**Sent:** Monday, May 24, 1999 6:11 PM  
**To:** Amy Moritz Ridenour  
**Subject:** Channel One

Amy, can you get me an invoice for a contribution for \$10,000 which I can push through Channel One? Jeff has asked for this so we can get something to you asap. Thanks.

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**From:** Abramoff, Jack (DC)  
**Sent:** Friday, December 17, 1999 2:28 PM  
**To:** 'Amy Moritz Ridenour'  
**Subject:** FW: NCPFR wiring information

Hi Amy. Thanks for this information. You will be getting a wire of approximately \$25K, which I will discuss with you next week. Hope you are well. Regards.

-----Original Message-----  
**From:** Ralston, Susan (DC)  
**Sent:** Friday, December 17, 1999 2:28 PM  
**To:** Abramoff, Jack (DC)  
**Subject:** NCPFR wiring information

-----Original Message-----  
**From:** Amy Ridenour (SUPER Administrator)  
**Sent:** Friday, December 17, 1999 5:03 PM  
**To:** Ralston, Susan (DC)  
**Subject:** RE: Chief Martin's address

Thank you for the address, Susan. Here is the bank wiring information you requested:

**Bank:**

The National Capital Bank of Washington  
316 Pennsylvania Avenue S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20003-1175  
Phone (202) 546-8000

**Our account:**

The National Center for Public Policy Research

Our address and phone number are 777 N. Capitol St. NE, #803, Washington, DC 20002, Phone 202/371-1400, and the contact name, although one should not be needed, should be Amy Ridenour.

Happy Holidays!

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**From:** Abramoff, Jack (DC)  
**Sent:** Friday, December 17, 1999 2:28 PM  
**To:** Abramoff, Jack (DC)  
**Subject:** RE: Ed's trip cost

reply

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Abramoff, Jack (DC)  
**Sent:** Friday, December 17, 1999 3:26 PM  
**To:** 'Willie Tan'  
**Subject:** Ed's trip cost

Per my previous email, the cost of Ed's and Mike's trip was as follows

202/371-1400  
 Hotels (Japan and Hinkley) \$4673  
 Mike loss of wages \$3250  
 Total \$25,577

As I indicated, this should be wired to the National Center for Public Policy Research so they can pay it. Here is their wiring information. Please confirm to me when this has been sent so I can coordinate it on this side, which will be a bit tricky.

Bank:

The National Capital Bank of Washington  
 316 Pennsylvania Avenue S.E.  
 Washington, D.C. 20003-1175  
 Phone (202) 546-8000

Our account:

The National Center for Public Policy Research

Our address and phone number are 777 N. Capitol St. NE, #803, Washington, DC 20002, Phone 202/371-1400, and the contact name, although one should not be needed, should be Amy Ridenour.



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From: Abramoff, Jack (DC)  
 Sent: Saturday, December 18, 1999 6:46 PM  
 To: 'Amy Ridenour'  
 Subject: RE: FW: NCPPR wiring information

Thanks Amy. Just landed back. Hope you are well and will be in touch next week. Regards.

-----Original Message-----  
 From: Amy Ridenour (mailto:ARidenour@ [REDACTED])  
 Sent: Friday, December 17, 1999 7:00 PM  
 To: Abramoff, Jack (DC)  
 Subject: RE: FW: NCPPR wiring information

OK regarding the reimbursables. I'll do what you want, of course.

If you are in the South Pacific, have a safe trip back and thanks for the nice words.

Amy

From: Abramoff, Jack (DC)  
 Sent: Wednesday, December 29, 1999 8:13 PM  
 To: Amy Moritz Ridenour  
 Cc: Ralston, Susan (DC)  
 Subject: Wire transfer

I am informed that a wire in the amount of \$25,577 has been sent to you. When you receive it, please let me know. Once it is received, please draw two checks:

One payable to me in the amount of \$17,448 (for airfare) and one in the amount of \$8,129 to Alexander Strategy Group (for hotel and other associated costs). Please let me know if you want invoices for these payments. If so, no problem at all.

Thanks Amy.

From: Abramoff, Jack (DC)  
 Sent: Thursday, December 30, 1999 4:44 AM  
 To: Llewellyn, Viola (DC); Tamburello, Andrea (DC)  
 Cc: Ralston, Susan (DC)  
 Subject: please buy the tickets for the three Congressional travelers today  
 The tickets should not in any way say my name or our firm's name. They should, if possible, say "National Center for Public Policy Research". We should pay using my visa (not my American Express card!). Please confirm when this is done. Please make sure their seats are together. Finally, please confirm my itinerary with Ed is set.

From: Llewellyn, Viola (DC)  
 Sent: Thursday, December 30, 1999 9:20 AM  
 To: Abramoff, Jack (DC); Tamburello, Andrea (DC)  
 Cc: Ralston, Susan (DC)  
 Subject: RE: Very important re travel to Saipan  
 Ok. A total of 6 tickets have been bought on the Visa. 3 tickets for the 3 gentlemen to Saipan: Scanlon, Voltz & Loper. 2 tickets for Ed Buckham; 1 ticket travelling with you and 1 ticket traveling with the 3. The last ticket is for you, traveling on ANA. I have stipulated and reminded her that no mention of PGE or Jack Abramoff should show on the tickets. They should, if possible, say "National Center for Public Policy Research". All tickets are fully refundable.

-----Original Message-----

From: Abramoff, Jack (DC)  
 Sent: Thursday, December 30, 1999 7:49 AM  
 To: Llewellyn, Viola (DC); Tamburello, Andrea (DC)  
 Cc: Ralston, Susan (DC)  
 Subject: Very important re travel to Saipan

There is a chance, albeit it slight right now, that I will not be going on this trip. If I don't get the meetings in the Philippines confirmed, and the Redskins game (which will be an important fund raiser for Senator Roth) is on the first weekend, then I might opt out. We'll see.

In any event, as a backup, today please make a reservation for Ed Buckham to go with the three travelers to Saipan. Actually go ahead and buy his ticket, assuming we can get it refunded if I do indeed go to Saipan, et al.

I assume that my ticket (as well as Ed's on the other routing) is fully refundable.

Please confirm that this has been done. Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

From: Abramoff, Jack (DC)  
 Sent: Thursday, December 30, 1999 7:44 AM  
 To: Llewellyn, Viola (DC); Tamburello, Andrea (DC)  
 Cc: Ralston, Susan (DC)  
 Subject: please buy the tickets for the three Congressional travelers today

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From: Abramoff, Jack (DC)  
 Sent: Tuesday, January 04, 2000 4:26 PM  
 To: Ralston, Susan (DC)  
 Subject: FW: Wire transfer  
 Please prepare an invoice from me (personally) to National Center for Public Policy Research for the cost of the plane tickets, and from Alexander Strategy Group for the rest of the money for travel expenses. Email them to me and I'll forward to Amy. Thanks.

-----Original Message-----  
 From: Amy Ridenour [mailto:ARidenour@nationalcenter.org]  
 <mailto:[mailto:ARidenour@nationalcenter.org]>  
 Sent: Tuesday, January 04, 2000 6:15 PM  
 To: Abramoff, Jack (DC)  
 Subject: Re: Wire transfer

Sorry for my delay in replying. I have been out sick for a couple of days and just read my e-mail. We'll call the bank first thing in the a.m. and confirm that the money has arrived, and then I will get checks out to you and Ed. Yes, we should get invoices for these. This is not only good for us, but if the IRS should later inquire, it is proof for you and Ed that you do not owe income tax on this money. The invoices need not be fancy.  
 Thanks,  
 Amy

>I am informed that a wire in the amount of \$25,577 has been sent to you.  
 >When you receive it, please let me know. Once it is received, please draw  
 >two checks:  
 >  
 >One payable to me in the amount of \$17,448 (for airfare) and one in the  
 >amount of \$8,129 to Alexander Strategy Group (for hotel and other associated  
 >costs). Please let me know if you want invoices for these payments. If so,  
 >no problem at all.  
 >  
 >Thanks Amy.

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**From:** Abramoff, Jack (DC)  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 06, 2000 1:18 AM  
**To:** Ralston, Susan (DC)  
**Subject:** RE: Invoice #1 for Amy Ridenour

fine

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Ralston, Susan (DC)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 05, 2000 7:22 PM  
**To:** Abramoff, Jack (DC)  
**Subject:** Invoice #1 for Amy Ridenour

JACK ABRAMOFF  
Silver Spring, MD 20901

INVOICE

**TO:** Amy Ridenour  
The National Center for Public Policy Research  
777 North Capitol Street, NE  
Suite 803  
Washington, DC 20002-4201

Description: Travel Expenses

TOTAL Payment Due      \$17,448.00

Please remit payment to:  
Jack Abramoff  
Silver Spring, MD 20901

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**From:** Abramoff, Jack (DC)  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 06, 2000 1:18 AM  
**To:** Ralston, Susan (DC)  
**Subject:** RE: Invoice #2 for Amy Ridenour

Get this one and the other one in hand copy form to Amy. Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Ralston, Susan (DC)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 05, 2000 7:25 PM  
**To:** Abramoff, Jack (DC)  
**Subject:** Invoice #2 for Amy Ridenour

Alexander Strategy Group  
132 D Street, SE  
Washington, DC 20003

INVOICE

**TO:** Amy Ridenour  
The National Center for Public Policy Research  
777 North Capitol Street, NE  
Suite 803  
Washington, DC 20002-4201

Description: Travel Expenses

**TOTAL Payment Due**            \$8,129.00

Please remit payment to:  
Alexander Strategy Group  
132 D Street, SE  
Washington, DC 20003

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**From:** Abramoff, Jack (DC)  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 06, 2000 1:45 AM  
**To:** Amy Ridenour  
**Subject:** RE: Money

Thanks Amy. I hope you recover fully and quickly. Regards.

-----Original Message-----  
**From:** Amy Ridenour [mailto:ARidenour@nationalcenter.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 05, 2000 11:43 AM  
**To:** Jack Abramoff  
**Subject:** Money

Hi Jack,

I told Susan this already but FYI, the money did arrive in our account and I will be issuing the checks for you and Ed tomorrow. I am still from sick but I plan to be back in tomorrow, Thursday, and signing the checks will be a top priority.

Thanks,

Amy



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From: Abramoff, Jack (DC)  
 Sent: Friday, January 21, 2000 12:46 PM  
 To: Ed Buckham  
 Subject: RE: Scotland

Ha ha ha

-----Original Message-----  
 From: Ed Buckham [mailto:ed@...]  
 Sent: Friday, January 21, 2000 12:21 PM  
 To: 'Abramoff, Jack (DC)'  
 Subject: RE: Scotland

You and Tony would make a cute couple and you could play golf together.

-----Original Message-----  
 From: Abramoff, Jack (DC) [mailto:jack@...]  
 Sent: Friday, January 21, 2000 10:42 AM  
 To: Ed Buckham  
 Subject: RE: Scotland

OK, now I have to get Pam to go! Otherwise, people will think I'm married to Tony!

-----Original Message-----  
 From: Ed Buckham [mailto:ed@...]  
 Sent: Friday, January 21, 2000 9:57 AM  
 To: 'Abramoff, Jack (DC)'  
 Subject: RE: Scotland

I would like to go and so would Wendy. I will pay her way if need be. Ed

-----Original Message-----  
 From: Abramoff, Jack (DC) [mailto:jack@...]  
 Sent: Thursday, January 20, 2000 10:50 PM  
 To: Ed Buckham  
 Subject: Scotland

As you recall, we are trying to put together a trip to Scotland for Memorial Day week. I would like to chat with you about this. So far, Terry Martin (and wife) is coming. So are you (right?), Tony and I. I thought it would be nice to have Willie and his wife there as well. Terry wants to have Tauzin and his wife come and is discussing this with them. I expect Adam Kidan might want to come. I want to go through this with you to make sure we are on the right track. Please give me your thoughts on whether this sounds right. The ladies would shop and tour during the day, while we played golf. We would have two foursomes at this rate, though I guess it is possible we could wind up with three by the time this is sorted out. Terry and Willie would be the sponsors/hosts, though we would use National Center for Public Policy Research as the organization. Anyway, let me know if this sounds like it works.

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**From:** Abramoff, Jack (DC)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 02, 2000 4:45 PM  
**To:** Ralph E. Reed, Jr.  
**Subject:** amy Ridenour

She does not have a c4, only a c3, so we are back to ATR only. I have to go out, but let's chat later tonight. Let me know if it will work just to do this through ATR until we can find another group.

From: Abramoff, Jack (DC)  
 Sent: Tuesday, February 22, 2000 11:32 AM  
 To: Stephens, Dennis (DC)  
 Subject: RE: Ukraine

Of course..

-----Original Message-----

From: Stephens, Dennis (DC)  
 Sent: Tuesday, February 22, 2000 9:58 AM  
 To: Abramoff, Jack (DC)  
 Subject: RE: Ukraine

Will NCPFR be assisting on this client...? Or other think tanks?

-----Original Message-----

From: Abramoff, Jack (DC)  
 Sent: Saturday, February 19, 2000 8:51 PM  
 To: "Everyone" (DC)  
 Subject: Ukraine

I want to take this opportunity to let everyone know about our new client, Ukraine. Thanks to our Russian clients Alexander Koulakovsky and Marina Nevskaya, I was able to visit Kiev and meet with President Kuchma the week before last. This meeting, as well as two meetings with their Minister of Economy Sergei Tigipko resulted in a significant representation for our firm.

Our responsibilities will focus on helping Ukraine shape a positive image in the United States. We will work to organize politically the 1.2 million Ukrainian Americans, counter the attacks of that nation's detractors, and assist them in their attempts to get financial and other support from the Congress and Administration.

The President indicated to me that, assuming the relationship blooms properly, we will be with them at least through the remainder of his current term in office (four years). The retainer for the firm is \$1 million per year.

In addition to our government affairs activities, we shall also try to assist Ukraine in developing incentives to create new industries and employment opportunities. I am told that their unemployment is shockingly high, over 80 percent.

Minister Tigipko will probably be the member of their government who visits Washington, DC the most. In addition to being a highly presentable and articulate statesman, he is an outstanding tennis player.

It is our hope that, once we have been able to build an infrastructure of support for Ukraine, the President will visit Washington with our active assistance.

Ukraine has a most fascinating history and will make a wonderful destination for Congressional and policy trips. There are many people involved in the policy community who have Ukrainian roots. In fact, as I noted to the President when he asked whether I had visited before, my father's family is from the port city Odessa, where his father was the manager of the opera house (pre-communist days).

One note of importance, Ukrainians do not approve of their nation being referred to as "the Ukraine", which is what most of us were raised to say. As John Longstreth has kindly pointed out:

The philological basis of the sensitivity is that "Ukraine" means "border." If you call it "The Ukraine" you are referring to their country not as an independent country, but as "the border" of Russia, i.e. rightfully part of Russia.

Anyway, I hope everyone gets a chance to participate in this wonderful new opportunity. Thanks to everyone how made it possible through their hard work.

From: Berger, Amy (DC)  
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2000 8:45 AM  
To: Abramoff, Jack (DC); Stephens, Dennis (DC)  
Subject: RE: Project 21 Commentary: Let That Stupid Flag Fly!

worth keeping in mind -- esp. if we get a contract with el!

-----Original Message-----

From: Abramoff, Jack (DC)  
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2000 11:29 AM  
To: Berger, Amy (DC)  
Subject: FW: Project 21 Commentary: Let That Stupid Flag Fly!

-----Original Message-----

From: Stephens, Dennis (DC)  
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2000 9:33 AM  
To: Abramoff, Jack (DC)  
Subject: FW: Project 21 Commentary: Let That Stupid Flag Fly!

I note for the files, that Amy Ridenour has a member of Project 21 who is a writer and radio talk show host in Huntsville, Alabama. With the proper education, etc, he might be recruitable for Channel One support and Metrock bashing. Thoughts?

-----Original Message-----

From: Amy Ridenour [SMTP:ARidenour@nationalcenter.org]  
<mailto:[SMTP:ARidenour@nationalcenter.org]>  
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2000 12:54 AM  
To: National Center for Public Policy Research  
Subject: Project 21 Commentary: Let That Stupid Flag Fly!

Let That Stupid Flag Fly!

By R.D. Davis

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Are you sick and tired of all the ruckus and brouhaha  
over that stupid Confederate battle flag?

True, flying the flag above South Carolina's state  
capitol is not about heritage. It was a racist  
response by southern "yellow dog" Democrats in 1962 to  
challenge the growing power of the civil rights  
movement. Let me remind you that it was the southern  
democrats who not only exploited black slaves in the

land of Dixie, but also voted against the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (including Senator Albert Gore - Vice President Al Gore's father). Northern Democrats and Republicans together overwhelmingly supported the Act (you can check it out for yourself in Congressional Quarterly, 2/14/64, p. 334). Since those racist southern Democrats put the flag up there in the first place, let today's yellow dogs take it down rather than use it as a political weapon. It makes a lot of sense to me.

As black economist Dr. Walter Williams has noted, this is not about a flag. If it were so, the NAACP and Jesse Jackson would be protesting the American flag, not the Confederate one, because slavery existed much longer under Old Glory than during the brief life of the Confederacy. In addition, the "Stars and Bars" being protested is the battle flag, not the national flag of the Confederacy.

This flag balderdash is all about the NAACP and their allies and the yellow dog Democratic establishment finding an issue to demonize Republicans. Republicans rightfully believe that the flag is a state issue. The federal government should not get involved in a state or local issue unless there is a clear violation of individual rights and freedoms guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution (as it did with institutionalized slavery and segregation). Republicans, in fact, actually led the vanguard against the racist southern Democrats' opposition to involve the federal government in ending slavery and segregation.

But the Republican's "dog ain't in this fight." If the American people (especially blacks) knew the truth, they would realize this whole controversy is absurd. Contrary to what we have been brainwashed to believe, southern Democrats were responsible for hoisting the Confederate battle flag and standing up for what the flag may or may not represent. As a matter of historical fact, Republicans could not even get elected to Congress in the "Deep South" states of South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Arkansas, Mississippi and Louisiana during the 1960s. Why? It was because southern whites were still angry with Republicans for freeing the slaves! Today, since southern Democrats pretend to love us so much (but it's all phony), all that Jackson and the NAACP's Kweisi Mfume should have to do is ask the yellow dogs like President Bill Clinton, Gore and South Carolina Governor Jim Hodges to take the flag down. After all, it is the southern Democrats' responsibility to do so nowadays.

And if that Confederate battle flag comes down, so what? What is so frightening about a piece of cloth? That flag is not responsible for the moral decline of

our country that allows 400,000 black babies to die from abortions (some paid for with your tax dollars) each year. This is the fault of liberal Democrat social policy. That flag is not responsible for our high illegitimate birth rate of approximately 70% and weak family structure. The Confederate battle flag is not responsible for our high black-on-black crime rate; it's our not demanding tougher black-on-black crime laws. And that flag is not responsible for, according to Education Week, the fact that 50% of black fourth graders in the inner cities cannot read - blame the teachers unions and their supporters who oppose school choice for parents.

There are more serious and pressing issues that our race needs to solve. Unfortunately, there are those who would rather create more bogus racist situations to keep us focused only on what they perceive as racism. We should just let them chase those flags up the flagpoles and focus ourselves on solving our own race's problems instead of letting Big Government try to do it for us. I'm too busy thinking about real problems. They can let their stupid flag fly for all I care.

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Note: New Visions Commentaries reflect the views of their author, and not necessarily those of Project 21.

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**From:** Abramoff, Jack (DC)  
**Sent:** Friday, March 17, 2000 5:00 PM  
**To:** Heiman, Bruce (DC)  
**Subject:** RE: CAGW and CNPPR

This is great. Let me recommend that Dennis call both. He is equally close and since he will most likely be dealing with them on this, it would give him good standing.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Heiman, Bruce (DC)  
**Sent:** Friday, March 17, 2000 10:41 AM  
**To:** Abramoff, Jack (DC)  
**Cc:** Heiman, Bruce (DC)  
**Subject:** CAGW and CNPPR

would you like to call schatz and ridenour re MPA (we have 10k budgeted for each)

I could then follow up with each & would use dennis too re doing an article

would like to get CAGW to put it in their next monthly "Waste Watcher Monthly"; Ridenour to distribute op-ed through Knight Ridder and her National Policy Analysis.

I have in mind some angles for each -- CAGW would be a cross subsidy argument -- USPS is zapping magazines (and books and rural newspapers) to pay for ecommerce forays -- Leslie Page did a letter to ed of W.Post criticizing USPS ecommerce in february so this is a good follow on. CNPPR: something along the lines of abuse of power -- supposed to cover costs but here going way beyone and in fact seem to have ignored identified cost savings.

Havent run either by client yet so need to be tentative.

Would also like to make each avail to do talk radio (grover too).

let me know.

thanks.

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**From:** Abramoff, Jack (DC)  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 13, 2000 9:48 PM  
**To:** Ralston, Susan (DC)  
**Subject:** RE: replacement for Americans for Economic Growth

Yes, MPA is going to give to Toward Tradition. Choctaw and elot will give to National Center. Can you call Betty to see how we are doing on turning that check around?

-----Original Message-----  
**From:** Ralston, Susan (DC)  
**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2000 5:08 PM  
**To:** Abramoff, Jack (DC)  
**Subject:** FW: replacement for Americans for Economic Growth

I thought you didn't want me to do this. Should I get the materials from Toward Tradition for Bruce?

-----Original Message-----  
**From:** Heiman, Bruce (DC)  
**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2000 12:13 PM  
**To:** Ralston, Susan (DC)  
**Subject:** FW: replacement for Americans for Economic Growth

pls when you get a chance. thanks

-----Original Message-----  
**From:** Abramoff, Jack (DC)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 09, 2000 5:35 PM  
**To:** Heiman, Bruce (DC)  
**Cc:** Ralston, Susan (DC)  
**Subject:** RE: replacement for Americans for Economic Growth

Fine. Susan, please get some Toward Tradition materials to Bruce.

-----Original Message-----  
**From:** Heiman, Bruce (DC)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 09, 2000 5:34 PM  
**To:** Abramoff, Jack (DC)  
**Cc:** O'Malley, Cindy (DC)  
**Subject:** RE: replacement for Americans for Economic Growth

terrific. I don't see a problem. I'll raise with Cregan. Will need something on the group. Is it 501c3? Maybe the theme should be its immoral to keep other people's money -- when you know you can save money and work...

-----Original Message-----  
**From:** Abramoff, Jack (DC)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 09, 2000 5:20 PM  
**To:** Heiman, Bruce (DC)  
**Subject:** replacement for Americans for Economic Growth

DeLay's guys would like them to get a contribution of similar size for Toward Tradition (Rabbi Lapin's organization). As soon as I hear back from you that this is OK, I'll see if I can get Lapin to do a piece for us for free so we have a two-fer.



From: Llewellyn, Viola (DC)  
 Sent: Friday, May 26, 2000 10:26 AM  
 To: Abramoff, Jack (DC); Plocki, Julie (DC)  
 Cc: Ralston, Susan (DC)  
 Subject: RE: URGENT: Check from Elot  
 Julie says that it came in and that she is handling it

-----Original Message-----

From: Abramoff, Jack (DC)  
 Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2000 5:25 PM  
 To: Plocki, Julie (DC); Llewellyn, Viola (DC)  
 Cc: Ralston, Susan (DC)  
 Subject: URGENT: Check from Elot  
 Importance: High

Did we receive in Federal Express today a check from elot for National Center for Public Policy Research? If we did not, please immediately page us with Bob Baum's office and cell phone numbers. If we did, please let us know and then send the check over to David Ridenour at the National Center and collect from him a check post dated to Tuesday (or Wednesday if he wants) of next week for \$25K (the amount of the check we are sending to him. Thanks.

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From: Abramoff, Jack (DC)  
 Sent: Tuesday, May 30, 2000 5:42 PM  
 To: Ralston, Susan (DC)  
 Subject: RE: Jim Ellis - AEG contribution

Tell him that it is not going to AEG and I have chatted with Ed about this. Don't tell him where it went, though.

-----Original Message-----  
 From: Ralston, Susan (DC)  
 Sent: Tuesday, May 30, 2000 3:51 PM  
 To: Abramoff, Jack (DC)  
 Subject: Jim Ellis - AEG contribution

Do you remember the \$25K contribution the Chodaws issued to AEG which we returned and then asked them to reissue to NEPP? Well, Jim Ellis called to find out the status of the contribution because he's expecting the money to go to AEG. I'm not sure about that.

From: Abramoff, Jack (DC)  
 Sent: Wednesday, May 31, 2000 4:33 PM  
 To: Llewellyn, Viola (DC)  
 Cc: Ralston, Susan (DC)  
 Subject: RE: Revised invoice for NCPFR  
 Fine, but leave off the wire info and please (Susan) call Amy to tell her that this invoice is only for records and they owe me nothing more than the funds which come in. Tell her we are happy to put that in writing if they want, but I didn't think she would want to have that kind of document around. Her call, though.

-----Original Message-----

From: Llewellyn, Viola (DC)  
 Sent: Wednesday, May 31, 2000 6:13 PM  
 To: Abramoff, Jack (DC)  
 Cc: Ralston, Susan (DC)  
 Subject: Revised invoice for NCPFR

Jack - here is the invoice that you asked for. Let me know if it is ok.

JACK ABRAMOFF  
 812 Edelblut Drive  
 Silver Spring, MD 20901

INVOICE

May 31, 2000

TO: National Center for Public Policy Research  
 777 North Capitol Street, NE  
 Suite 803  
 Washington, DC 20002-4201

Description:

Airfares for the Scotland Trip:  
 8 plane tickets \$49,579.20  
 Hotel \$8,300.00  
 Transportation \$2,200.00

TOTAL \$60,079.20

Payment due: \$60,079.20

Please remit payment to:  
 Jack Abramoff  
 812 Edelblut Drive

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**From:** Abramoff, Jack (DC)  
**Sent:** Monday, June 26, 2000 4:44 PM  
**To:** Ralston, Susan (DC)  
**Subject:** RE: NCPPR request

Please call [REDACTED] to make sure this is processed.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Ralston, Susan (DC)  
**Sent:** Monday, June 26, 2000 12:45 PM  
**To:** Abramoff, Jack (DC)  
**Subject:** NCPPR request  
**Importance:** High

[REDACTED] received my sports suite invoice and my request for \$40K to NCPPR. The sports suites check is going out tomorrow. She told me that they've already sent \$2.9K to NCPPR in May and she wanted to know if this request was still going to be sent because they said it was a long time ago.

From: Abramoff, Jack (DC)  
 Sent: Friday, June 30, 2000 3:41 PM  
 To: Ralston, Susan (DC)  
 Subject: RE: Financial Disclosure

Prepare an email I can send to her. We still have that choctaw check right?

Jack Abramoff

-----Original Message-----

From: Ralston, Susan (DC) <SusanR@...>  
 To: Llewellyn, Viola (DC) <ViolaL@...>; Abramoff, Jack (DC) <jacka@...>  
 Sent: Fri Jun 30 16:38:25 2000  
 Subject: RE: Financial Disclosure

I talked w/ Tony who talked w/ Susan H. He said we're OK. She just wants to make sure that if someone starts asking questions that Amy Ridenour knows about these \$. Jack, are you going to let Amy know?

-----Original Message-----

From: Llewellyn, Viola (DC)  
 Sent: Friday, June 30, 2000 4:37 PM  
 To: Ralston, Susan (DC); Abramoff, Jack (DC)  
 Subject: RE: Financial Disclosure

I ended up speaking to Susan Hirschmann. I told her we had technical difficulties and I could not email the information and that I couldn't fax them in time for their deadline. I confirmed that the figures pertained only to the Hirschmanns, the Delays and Tony. The hotel, meals and travel were multiplied by 8 days and the grand total figure that I gave to her was \$75,600. I told her these figures came from the final bookkeeping efforts at NCPFR. She asked me for a name and I said I would get back to her.

-----Original Message-----

From: Ralston, Susan (DC)  
 Sent: Friday, June 30, 2000 4:22 PM  
 To: Abramoff, Jack (DC); Llewellyn, Viola (DC)  
 Subject: RE: Financial Disclosure

Tony said:  
 \$6800 for flights per person  
 \$300 per night for hotel  
 \$120 per day per person for meals  
 \$500 per day for transportation

Viola - make sure Morgan knows that this is from NCPFR - not PGERM!

-----Original Message-----

From: Abramoff, Jack (DC)  
 Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2000 11:12 PM  
 To: Llewellyn, Viola (DC); Ralston, Susan (DC)  
 Subject: RE: Financial Disclosure

Let's discuss in the morning. We should give them the most minimal numbers for cost of the hotel (do not include golf), food and plays. Susan, please call Ed (or Tony if you can't get him) to get guidance as to how much we should report to them. Let me know what they say. Thanks.

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**From:** Abramoff, Jack (DC)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 11, 2000 8:00 AM  
**To:** Ralston, Susan (DC)  
**Subject:** receipts for National Center

I just spoke with Amy Ridenour. We should prepare the receipts so that there is \$7K and change left over from the \$40K contribution (I think we now have it that there is just \$5K left over for the National Center). Let me see it and then we'll courier it over to David Ridenour with a new cover letter, which I will draft. Please let me see the other letter. Thanks.

GTG-E000356639

From: Abramoff, Jack (DC)  
Sent: Friday, September 15, 2000 3:40 PM  
To: Abramoff, Jack (DC)  
Subject: FW: help

Response from Amy?

-----Original Message-----

From: Amy Ridenour [mailto:ARidenour@cosmos.org]  
Sent: Friday, September 15, 2000 6:43 PM  
To: Abramoff, Jack (DC)  
Subject: Re: help

I want to talk with David and he is out right now (he is very imaginative about things like this), but MCFPR has in the past given out a "Winston Churchill Memorial Award." It has been since the Cold War that we've awarded it, but it was not a rare one. The purpose of the award is to honor people who have taken steps to protect freedom, even if they could not gain personally from their efforts. Past awardees included Senator Bill Armstrong (R-CO) and Rep. Bill Carney (R-NY) for their work against the nuclear freeze when the freeze was politically popular. We could legitimately give you this award for not only your long-standing dedication to promoting freedom abroad, but you work against oppressive regulations at home (a current preoccupation of ours), and your work for democracy in Russia (hence us giving it to you in '97). And you could legitimately tell the Cosmos folks that you had won an award that a Senator and a Congressman had also received, should that be helpful.

And it comes with a handsome plaque.... <g>

From: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
 Sent: Thursday, March 15, 2001 1:45 PM  
 To: Ring, Kevin (Shld-DC-Gov)  
 Cc: Boulanger, Todd (Dir-DC-Gov); Vasell, Shawn (Dir-DC-Gov)  
 Subject: RE: Rehberg trip to Choctaw

Not sure. I am not really involved in setting it up. Shawn, do you know? Todd?

-----Original Message-----

From: Ring, Kevin (Shld-DC-Gov)  
 Sent: Thursday, March 15, 2001 2:40 PM  
 To: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
 Subject: RE: Rehberg trip to Choctaw

Works for me. I will go back to them with this if you want. When exactly is this trip?  
 Kevin Ring

-----Original Message-----

From: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov) [mailto:jack.abramoff@dc.gov]  
 To: Ring, Kevin (Shld-DC-Gov) <kring@dc.gov>; Vasell, Shawn (Dir-DC-Gov) <vasell@dc.gov>; Boulanger, Todd (Dir-DC-Gov) <boulanger@dc.gov>  
 Sent: Thu Mar 15 14:37:00 2001  
 Subject: RE: Rehberg trip to Choctaw

How about getting National Center for Public Policy Research to sponsor the trip?

-----Original Message-----

From: Ring, Kevin (Shld-DC-Gov)  
 Sent: Thursday, March 15, 2001 1:58 PM  
 To: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov); Vasell, Shawn (Dir-DC-Gov); Boulanger, Todd (Dir-DC-Gov)  
 Subject: Rehberg trip to Choctaw

Rehberg's CoS just called me. He said Denny is pumped about trip to Choctaw but CoS is concerned about 2 things:

- (1) Mike Rogers wants to go, but is not in a position in his district to accept anything from Indians
- (2) Denny is being told by Leo that accepting this trip from the Choctaws is okay, but Denny said Leo is looking at Senate rules, not House rules, and so he does not think this is easy.

I told him that I will talk to you guys running this and get back to him.

GTG-E000034667



**From:** Abramoff, Jack (D-DC-Gov) [mailto:jack@abramoff.com] on behalf of Abramoff, Jack (D-DC-Gov)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2001 10:24 AM  
**To:** Amy Moritz Ridenour  
**Subject:** Invoice

Please make out an invoice for \$132,500 made out to Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, Choctaw, Mississippi and email it to me. It should be for "contribution". That will get the process going. I might have another \$100K after today.  
Thanks Amy

Chocrow & → HCPRE → Recd

From: Abramoff, Jack (Dl-DC-Gov)  
 Sent: Monday, October 29, 2001 5:48 PM  
 To: [REDACTED] (AdmAsst-DC-AdGov)  
 Subject: FW: Invoice copy, plus a few details  
 Importance: High

Chocrow & (1 Chocrow & 100 KB)  
 1 PDF (21 KB)

Can you convert this invoice to Word? If you can't do so easily, can you just delete? Thanks. I need this asap. Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

From: Abramoff, Jack (Dl-DC-Gov)  
 Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2001 2:49 PM  
 To: [REDACTED] (AdmAsst-DC-AdGov)  
 Subject: FW: Invoice copy, plus a few details

See if you can get an invoice printed from these files. Please let me see it when I return to the office.

-----Original Message-----

From: Amy Ridenour (mailto:ARidenour@ [REDACTED])  
 Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2001 12:48 PM  
 To: Jack Abramoff  
 Subject: Invoice copy, plus a few details

Here are two copies of the Chocrow invoice, one plain text and, in case that does not cross our apparent platform gap, one as an Internet pdf file. The pdf file should cross all platforms. I would also be happy to fax this anywhere. Sorry to be a burden with this extra request but would it be possible for me to get file copies of some of the ad scripts, direct mail letters, etc. that these funds are purchasing? I would be happy to talk to the vendor myself if that is the easiest way to do it. I would not share them -- they would just be supportive documentation for future audits to show that the funds were used on public policy projects. Having been twice audited by the IRS in 6 years, I know it is handy to do all the recordkeeping properly. But I do apologize for the hassle it causes others. The post office was not delivering to our office area yesterday and although we are told future mail will be delivered this is not certain. For fastest turnaround, a wire precaution might be to send the check via a different carrier or simply to my home office, which receives mail fine. The home address is: [REDACTED]  
 Our computer system don't seem very compatible with your invoice attachment application, too, although managed to find the words within the gibberish so I don't need a new copy. I think your computer and mine do better with the text within the messages, when possible. When I get a little time I may make some software changes here to see if that improves things for the future. Finally, I am sorry you did not get this latest thing this morning. Computer crash since rectified. Still, sorry! And thanks again for everything!

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**From:** Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2001 5:44 PM  
**To:** 'Ballabon, Jeff'  
**Subject:** RE: Amy Ridenour

Yes, but it'll be rather simple, if that's OK.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Ballabon, Jeff [mailto:JBallabon@Primedia.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2001 4:39 PM  
**To:** 'abramoffj@gtlaw.com'  
**Subject:** Amy Ridenour  
**Importance:** High

Any way to get some paperwork from her on the 50k asap so I can get a check cut?

Jeff

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**From:** Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov) [/o=GT LAW/ou=WDC/cn=Recipients/cn=abramoffj] on behalf of Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
**Sent:** Friday, November 02, 2001 1:38 PM  
**To:** 'Jeffrey Ballabon -- office'  
**Subject:** FW: NCPPR



Invoice 1029.doc  
 (23 KB)

Here it is, at 49K.

THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR PUBLIC POLICY RESEARCH  
777 N. Capitol St. NE, Suite 803  
Washington, DC 20002  
(202) 371-1400 ¥ Fax (202) 408-7773  
[www.nationalcenter.org](http://www.nationalcenter.org) ¥ [info@nationalcenter.org](mailto:info@nationalcenter.org)

**INVOICE**

TO: Primedia  
DATE: October 29, 2001  
FROM: THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR PUBLIC POLICY RESEARCH

**REQUEST:**

REQUEST FOR CONTRIBUTION OF \$49,000 TO SUPPORT PUBLIC  
PROGRAMS.

THANK YOU.

1100500

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**From:** Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov) [/o=GT LAW/ou=WDC/cn=Recipients/cn=abramoffj] on behalf of Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 08, 2001 11:38 AM  
**To:** 'Ballabon, Jeff'  
**Subject:** RE: Amy Ridenour

No! Send it to me. I have to work this through with her carefully.

-----Original Message-----  
**From:** Ballabon, Jeff [mailto:JBallabon@Primedia.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 08, 2001 12:35 PM  
**To:** 'abramoffj@gtlaw.com'  
**Subject:** Amy Ridenour  
 check is cut. going to her address today.

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**From:** Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov) [/o=GTLAW/ou=WDC/cn=Recipients/cn=abramoffj] on behalf of Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 08, 2001 12:56 PM  
**To:** 'Mike Scanlon'  
**Subject:** RE: Amy Ridenour

No kidding.

-----Original Message-----  
**From:** Mike Scanlon [mailto:mike@scanlongould.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 08, 2001 1:38 PM  
**To:** abramoffj@gtlaw.com  
**Subject:** RE: Amy Ridenour  
This is a nightmare!

-----Original Message-----  
**From:** abramoffj@gtlaw.com [mailto:abramoffj@gtlaw.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 08, 2001 1:14 PM  
**To:** Mike Scanlon  
**Subject:** FW: Amy Ridenour

I told him to send it to me. this is going to be the worst money we make!

-----Original Message-----  
**From:** Ballabon, Jeff [mailto:JBallabon@Primedia.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 08, 2001 12:35 PM  
**To:** 'abramoffj@gtlaw.com'  
**Subject:** Amy Ridenour

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**From:** Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov) [/o=GTLAW/ou=WDC/cn=Recipients/cn=abramoff] on behalf of Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 20, 2001 9:07 AM  
**To:** Lippy, Laura J. (AdmAst-DC-AdGov)  
**Subject:** RE: Check for Amy Ridenour

yes

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Lippy, Laura J. (AdmAst-DC-AdGov)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 20, 2001 10:03 AM  
**To:** Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
**Subject:** RE: Check for Amy Ridenour

Her office said she is working from home but suggested I leave a voice mail on the office phone rather than call her at home. Do you want me to phone her at home?

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 20, 2001 9:46 AM  
**To:** Lippy, Laura J. (AdmAst-DC-AdGov)  
**Subject:** RE: Check for Amy Ridenour

Actually, could you get Amy on the phone for me and put her through to the house?

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Lippy, Laura J. (AdmAst-DC-AdGov)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 20, 2001 9:34 AM  
**To:** Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
**Subject:** Check for Amy Ridenour  
**Importance:** High

When Mike Scanlon sends over the invoice for Amy Ridenour this morning, do I keep this check & then send Amy the invoice, the check, & the cover note that says --  
 Per our discussion, enclosed please find a check from Channel One?  
 Do I wait to courier to Amy until you tell me to (because you wanted to call her first?) Thanks.



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**From:** Abramo, Jack (DLE-DO-Gov) [REDACTED] on behalf  
of Abramo, Jack (DLE-DO-Gov)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 01, 2002 9:23 AM  
**To:** 'Mike Scanlon office'  
**Subject:** choctaw pass through

Amy Ridenour has asked if we can run any funds through them to pump up their non email donations (they will give us back 100%). Let's run some of the non-car Choctaw money through them to the camans.

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From: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov) [/o=GTAW/ou=WDC/cn=Recipients/cn=abramoff] on behalf of Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
 Sent: Wednesday, October 09, 2002 8:29 AM  
 To: Smith, Michael D. (Assoc-DC-Legis)  
 Subject: RE: Per your request

Probably best to use something like the National Center for Public Policy Research. They are a C4 and can direct money at our discretion, anywhere if you know what I mean. Does that work?

-----Original Message-----  
 From: Smith, Michael D. (Assoc-DC-Legis)  
 Sent: Wednesday, October 09, 2002 9:01 AM  
 To: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
 Subject: Per your request

Jack:  
 We need to provide Casino an entity to pay the \$500,000 provided we are successful. Please let me know what entity you would like to use.  
 Michael D. Smith.  
 Greenberg Traurig  
 [REDACTED]

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**From:** Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 09, 2002 10:45 AM  
**To:** 'Amy Ridenour'  
**Subject:** RE: I might have \$500K for you to run through NCPER

Great. I am working it out now.

-----Original Message-----  
**From:** Amy Ridenour [mailto:aridenour@nationalcenter.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 09, 2002 11:45 AM  
**To:** Jack Abramoff  
**Subject:** Re: I might have \$500K for you to run through NCPER

Yes, we would love to do it. We are a (c)(3).

Thanks!

> Is this still something you want to do? Is NCPER a c3 or c4?

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**From:** Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 09, 2002 11:16 AM  
**To:** 'Amy Ridenour'  
**Subject:** RE: I might have \$500K for you to run through NCPFR

Thank YOU!

-----Original Message-----  
**From:** Amy Ridenour [mailto:aridenour@nationalcenter.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 09, 2002 12:05 PM  
**To:** Jack Abramoff  
**Subject:** Re: I might have \$500K for you to run through NCPFR

Super! Many thanks!

Great. I am working it out now.

From: Abramoff, Jack (D-DC-Gov) [mailto:jack@abramoff.com] on behalf of Abramoff, Jack (D-DC-Gov)  
 Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2002 1:08 PM  
 To: Amy Ridenour  
 Subject: RE: can you accept wire transfers?

No problem. It will be payments either to companies for research or to other c3's.

-----Original Message-----

From: Amy Ridenour [mailto:aridenour@abramoff.com]  
 Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2002 1:31 PM  
 To: Jack Abramoff  
 Subject: Re: can you accept wire transfers?

A sum of that size "very" definitely will assist us in having better ratios. So I am grateful for the opportunity you have given us here (and very happy to entertain any other similar projects).

I am sending the bank wiring info and the invoice by separate e-mails to make them easy for you to forward.

FAST but important double-check before we complete this transaction: the funds we disburse must be for projects legal for a 501(c)(3), i.e., research, education, etc. More important are the MUST NOTs: must not try to influence specific pieces of legislation or election campaigns.

We ARE ALLOWED to work on issues that happen to be the focus of legislation, but we can't fund campaigns explicitly saying "vote for HR 6," for example.

I hate to mention this at all but it is better that we stop now than have to stop half-way through and return the money -- just unnecessary extra work for you and your client.

Give me a call at 301- [redacted] if you have any questions about where the line is.

Again, don't let my inconvenient niggling about the law make it seem as though I am not grateful for this opportunity -- I very much am!

Many thanks!

- > If so, please get me all banking information. Also, can you get me an
- > invoice ("contribution") for \$1K made out to the following:
- >
- > Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians
- > Tribal Office Building
- > [redacted]
- > Philadelphia, MS [redacted]
- >
- > Please email it to me as a Word Attachment.
- >
- > I'll let you know where to send the money once it comes in. Amy, this
- > is a huge help to us. I hope it also, in some small way, helps you
- > with the donor ratios. Let me know if you want more as well and I'll
- > see what I can send over.
- >
- > Thanks so much!!

# INVOICE

To: **Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians**

Acct #

Routing number

Acct. Name: The National Center for Public Policy Research

~~Re~~ Approves for wire transfer. 10/1

## INVOICE

FM: The National Center for Public Policy Research  
777 N. Capitol St. NE, Suite 803  
Washington, DC 20002-4294  
(202) [REDACTED]  
Fax (202) [REDACTED]  
E-mail: [REDACTED]

TO: Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians  
Tribal Office Building  
[REDACTED]  
Highway 16 West  
Philadelphia, MS 39350

Date: 10/10/02  
Amount: \$1,000,000  
Purpose: Contribution to The National Center for educational  
and research programs and activities

For any questions regarding this invoice, please contact Amy Kidenour at (301) [REDACTED] or  
arkidenour@ [REDACTED]

The National Center for Public Policy Research is a tax-exempt (501)(c)(3) foundation.  
Contributions to it are tax-deductible. Our tax ID number is [REDACTED]

From: Amy Hidenour <aridenour@██████████  
 Subject: Re: funds  
 Date: October 17, 2002 12:52:49 PM EDT  
 To: Jack Abramoff <abramoffj@██████████

First order of business: the 1 million was wired into our account; our bank has confirmed it.

Business done, David and I obviously do not belong in any sort of career where powers of observation are important! However, left-wing crap notwithstanding (my idea of entertainment is not pretending that the U.S. is in a crisis situation with Martin Sheen as president), it is darn good publicity for the restaurant.

Actually it was there, about 40 minutes into the show. Fortunately, I saw it at the bar at the restaurant so I didn't have to listen to that left wing crap. Wish we had kicked them out!



From: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov) [/o=GT LAW/ou=WDC/cn=Recipients/cn=abramoff] on behalf of Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
 Sent: Friday, October 18, 2002 11:38 AM  
 To: 'Nurnberger, Ralph (DC)'  
 Subject: RE: Good to see you

Thanks Ralph. If I were to get you \$50K from the National Center for Public Policy Research, would that square things on the movie investments?

-----Original Message-----

From: Nurnberger, Ralph (DC) [mailto:RalphN@...]  
 Sent: Friday, October 18, 2002 10:20 AM  
 To: 'abramoffj@...' [mailto:abramoffj@...]  
 Subject: Good to see you

Jack:

As always, it was good to see you. I am so pleased that everything seems to be working out so well for you--family, personal, life at Greenberg, lobbying, career, restaurants, SUPER! We really look forward to the next Bar Mitzvah (I assume you know the Bar Mitzvah safari story? If not, I will share it next time).

Sue asked me to mention that she hopes we might be able to get together -- probably after our move. The new house will be a fun adventure, but somehow moving is not part of the enjoyment.

In terms of the past investments, we could always try another movie—I have this screenplay ..... (we could change it from an apartment to opening restaurants??) (just kidding, but I am sure you had some interesting experiences)

I checked and found two items:

The first was \$50,000 made to "Cyclone" on December 1, 1987. Of that, \$10,800 was repaid on May 6, 1994, leaving a principle of \$39,200.

I recorded the second with the comment "I lent Jack \$10,000 for start-up costs for Red Scorpion 2 and finishing costs for 1" I don't remember any other specifics.

Those funds were transferred on March 28, 1992.

Again, thanks so much for looking into these matters.

I was also very pleased to hear that Gateway may (finally) be sold. Your father must be thrilled at the prospect. I will try to call him soon, probably when I return from Israel. I am leaving this afternoon and will be back on October 28.

Warmest regards to the family,

Ralph

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> From: abramoffj@ [SMTP:abramoffj@]  
> Sent: Friday, October 18, 2002 2:15 PM  
> To: RalphNG  
> Subject: RE: Good to see you  
>  
> Give me the name of your company again, and your EIN, which might be  
> your  
> social security number. thanks Ralph.  
>  
> -----Original Message-----  
> From: Nurnberger, Ralph (DC) [mailto:RalphNG@]  
> Sent: Friday, October 18, 2002 12:50 PM  
> To: 'abramoffj@'  
> Subject: RE: Good to see you  
>  
> That would be twoderful--which is twice as good as wonderful!  
>  
> What a lovely piece of news before I take off. Thanks  
>  
> -----Original Message-----  
> From: abramoffj@ [mailto:abramoffj@]  
> Sent: Friday, October 18, 2002 12:47 PM  
> To: RalphNG  
> Subject: RE: Good to see you  
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> Sent: Friday, October 18, 2002 10:20 AM  
> To: 'abramoffj@'  
> Subject: Good to see you  
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 > Warmest regards to the family,  
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 > Ralph  
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**From:** Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov) [/o=GTLAW/ou=WDC/cn=Recipients/cn=abramoff] on behalf of Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 19, 2002 8:28 PM  
**To:** Amy Moniz Ridenour  
**Subject:** FW: funds

Hi Amy. I don't have all the disbursement of funds instructions yet, but for now, please make out two checks as follows, and forward to me at the office.

Capital Athletic Foundation: \$450,000  
 Nurnberger & Associates, Inc.: \$50,000  
 Thanks so much Amy!

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Amy Ridenour [mailto:aridenour@nationalcenter.org]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 17, 2002 11:53 AM  
**To:** Jack Abramoff  
**Subject:** Re: funds

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 > left wing crap. Wish we had kicked them out!

From: Abramoff, Jack (D-DC-Gov) [REDACTED] on behalf of Abramoff, Jack  
 Sent: Monday, October 21, 2002 5:21 PM  
 To: [REDACTED]  
 Subject: RE: funds

Thanks. please fed ex the check to Ralph Nurnberger, and have the CAF check deposited by Laura.

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]  
 Sent: Monday, October 21, 2002 3:06 PM  
 To: Abramoff, Jack [REDACTED]  
 Subject: RE: funds

These two checks came in today via courier. I have faxed copies of the invoices to the house for you to review as Joseph left with the packet before I finished them. Let me know how you would like me to proceed.

-----Original Message-----

From: Abramoff, Jack [REDACTED]  
 Sent: Monday, October 21, 2002 9:43 AM  
 To: [REDACTED]  
 Subject: FW: funds

Can you make up two invoices for transmission to her? I would like to see them before they go out, so they probably can't go out today to her. The invoices should be generic as follows:

1. From Capital Athletic Foundation for "Sports and Politics" project for \$450K 2. Nurnberger and Associates (use Ralph Nurnberger's home address) for "research grant" for \$50K. Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

From: Amy Rideout [mailto:arideout@nccpr.edu]  
 Sent: Sunday, October 20, 2002 10:06 AM  
 To: Jack Abramoff  
 Subject: Re: funds

Hi Jack,

I cut the checks myself this evening and they will be couriered to your office on Monday. It would be extremely useful to have written invoices from these folks for our records. Basic info is enough: their name and address, amount and a basic statement of what the invoice is for. I regret the hassles involved in careful recordkeeping, but at the end of the day it is worthwhile to have perfect books. Emailed or faxed invoices are fine if that is more convenient, or mail, of course. I put my contact info below to make it easier for you to pass it along. Thanks as always, & let me know if this poses any problems, Amy

Amy Rideout  
 National Center for Public Policy Research  
 Washington, DC [REDACTED]  
 Direct line 301 [REDACTED]  
 Direct fax 301 [REDACTED]  
 E-mail arideout@nccpr.edu

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From: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
 Sent: Monday, October 21, 2002 5:28 PM  
 To: Mike Scanlon  
 Subject: RE: NCPFR \$

Super. I already had her send to CAF so just get me the info for the other \$500K. how much is on the way for Kaygold? Gotta buy momma a new coat!

-----Original Message-----

From: Mike Scanlon [mailto:mike@scanlongould.com]  
 Sent: Monday, October 21, 2002 11:22 AM  
 To: abramoffj@gtlaw.com  
 Subject: RE: NCPFR \$

Chris should have sent this over to you. Do you want any of that money to go to your foundation? Otherwise we will have her send the whole thing to us - but if you want a non-taxable event - You may want Amy to send that money to the athletic foundation directly

We have the balance of the money in our accounts now - so we are going to cut a check to Kaygold for that.

-----Original Message-----

From: abramoffj@gtlaw.com [mailto:abramoffj@gtlaw.com]  
 Sent: Monday, October 21, 2002 9:43 AM  
 To: Mike Scanlon  
 Subject: NCPFR \$

Don't forget to get me the wire info or payee on a check for the money sitting there. how are we doing on the rest of the funds due to us?

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From: Abramoff, Jack (Dr-DC-000) [redacted] on behalf of Abramoff, Jack (Dr-DC-000)  
 Sent: Monday, October 21, 2002 5:25 PM  
 To: Boznjak, Allison R. [redacted]  
 Subject: FW: funds

Please call Amy to get done precisely what she needs done. tell her we need three: CAP, Nurnberger and CCS. Just organize with her whatever we need. Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

From: Amy Ridenour [mailto:aridenour@redacted]  
 Sent: Monday, October 21, 2002 11:41 AM  
 To: Jack Abramoff  
 Subject: Re: funds

Here's a thought. If possible, why don't you tell me very briefly what they really are doing, and I'll write back with a great-sounding phrase for each. I'll promise not to tell anyone about the projects, save if the IRS ever audits us, in which case, what I say will match exactly with what the recipients say if the IRS asks them, and everything would be on the up and up. In the meantime, we'd have nice-sounding by vague phrases in the written files in the (very unlikely) event anyone reads them. I took the liberty of sticking Nurnberger & Associates in Google and saw that one of the things Mr. Nurnberger does is teach skills in influencing the policy process to American Indians. If this is what this project is it will be very easy to write up--it is like what Morton Blackwell does for young people. By the way, if that is what it is it is really a neat idea to do minority training for Indians. I'm sitting here thinking of a lot of possible implications of a (pardon the expression) "new minority" group becoming more prominent. The grievances of the non-representative black civil rights leadership have dominated the national conversation about minorities for too long, and the bitterness poisons the atmosphere. Indians are the one group that had it worse than blacks in the U.S. Possibly if that community were a little more prominent it would help depolarize the rest of the country by putting other groups' grievances in more perspective while helping the Indians as well. I'm not expert on the Indian community, but it strikes me that young Indians would benefit from seeing a few more nationally-prominent successful Indian role models. There are obvious benefits to everyone, but in a depolarized atmosphere conservatives would be in a much better position to make inroads within formerly hostile populations. But I digress. This e-mail is supposed to be about accounting, Amy

> No problem at all Amy, thanks. I'll get you an invoice for Nurnberger  
 > Asson as a research grant, and CAP for a project regarding sports and  
 > politics or something like that. does that work?

GTC:E000011850

Capital Athletic Foundation  
1101 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Suite 600  
Washington DC 20004

Just Abramoff  
(b)(6)

Invoice No. : October 2002

The National Center for Public Policy Research

Washington DC

INVOICE

Re: "Sport and Politics" Project

Balance Due: \$450,000.00

grant for programs teaching  
citizenship skills to young  
people

18-22/2002 16:22

FD-148 003

**Nurnberger and Associates**  
[REDACTED]  
Arlington, VA 22204

**John Nurnberger**  
[REDACTED]

Invoice No. : October 2002

**The National Center for Public Policy Research**  
[REDACTED]  
Washington DC 20002

**INVOICE**

Re: Research Grant

Balance Due: \$50,000.00

general program

611 Pennsylvania Ave. SE #375  
Washington, DC 20003  
Phone: 202 [REDACTED]  
Fax: 202 [REDACTED]

# INVOICE

**DATE:** October 22, 2002

To: National Center for Public Policy Research  
Washington, DC

	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
10-22-02	Professional Services	\$500,000.00
	TOTAL	\$500,000.00

## Research - general program

**Wire all funds to:**

**First Union National Bank  
Washington, DC**

Acad. # [REDACTED]

Routing number: [REDACTED]

Acct. Name: Capitol Campaign Strategies

611 Pennsylvania Ave. SE #375  
Washington, DC 20003

# INVOICE

DATE: October 22, 2002

To: National Center for Public Policy Research  
Washington, DC

	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
10-22-02	Professional Services	\$1,000,000.00
	TOTAL	\$1,000,000.00

**Wire all funds to:**

**First Union National Bank**  
**Washington, DC**

Acad # [REDACTED]

Routing number: [REDACTED]

Acct Name: Capitol Campaign Strategies

GTG 6000011849

Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians  
Financial Institution Fund Transfer Form

04242

☒ Wire    ☐ Interfund Transfer    ☐ Other  
 Policy Research ACH

Date: 10/15/02    Ref #:    Contact:    Instructions:

**TRANSFER FROM:**

Financial Institution: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Account	Acct Code	Account Number	Amount	Fees
MRCI-Supplemental			\$1,000,000.00	
Total Transfer:			\$1,000,000.00	

Explanation: Public Relations

**TRANSFER TO:**

Financial Institution: The National Capital Bank of Washington  
 Address: Washington DC  
 ABA #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 For the Benefit of: The National Center for Public Policy Research

Name on Account	Acct Code	Account Number	Amount	Fees
Nat. Ctr. Pub. Pol. Res.			\$1,000,000.00	
Total Transfer:			\$1,000,000.00	

Explanation: \_\_\_\_\_

Confirmation required via facsimile or phone.  
 Receipt of confirmation:  
 Date: 10/17/02    Time: 3:13 AM/PM    Contact: M. G.    Received by: MW

Prepared by: \_\_\_\_\_    Date: 10/15/02  
 Approved by: Mary Hoban    Date: 10/15/02  
 Controller, Asst. Controller or Cash Manager

Additional authorization is required for any wire transfer not for the benefit of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, its departments, agencies, enterprises or employee benefit plans.

White - Cash Manager Copy    Canary - Accounting Copy    Pink - Reconciliation Copy

From: Abramoff, Jack (Dk-DG-Gov) [mailto:jack@dk-dg.gov] on behalf of  
 Abramoff, Jack (Dk-DG-Gov)  
 Sent: Wednesday, October 23, 2002 8:51 PM  
 To: Laura Lippy  
 Subject: RE: CAP check received

Sure, whatever.

-----Original Message-----

From: [mailto:jack@dk-dg.gov]  
 Sent: Wednesday, October 23, 2002 3:18 PM  
 To: Jack Alan Abramoff  
 Subject: FW: CAP check received

Gail is asking if these funds should be listed as program revenue for the Scotland fundraiser?

-----Original Message-----

From: GRHalpern@ [mailto:grhalpern@ [redacted]]  
 Sent: Wednesday, October 23, 2002 2:46 PM  
 To: [redacted]  
 Subject: RE: CAP check received

Thanks. pls write them a thank you letter. pls photocopy check for the 2002 tax return let's just give the May and B  
 guys a photocopy of the check and copy of thank you letter (so they will have the address) for each contribution.

Thanks.

do you know if this is a program revenue for the Scotland fundraiser? If it is, we might need to book it that way on  
 your spreadsheet.

In a message dated 10/23/2002 11:36:09 AM Eastern Daylight Time, [mailto: [redacted]]

\$450K from The National Center for Public Policy Research.  
 I will deposit today.

Gail R. Halpern, CPA, PFS  
 Estate and Financial Planning Services  
 [redacted]  
 Business: (301) [redacted]  
 Fax: (301) [redacted]  
 Email: ghalpern@ [redacted]

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5/12/2004

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From: abramoff@  
 Subject: RE: Event this Thursday for Congressman  
 Date: January 23, 2003 6:17:15 PM EST  
 To: aridenour@

Absolutely. OK to chat on the phone next week? We'll get it scheduled.

-----Original Message-----

From: Amy Ridenour [mailto:aridenour@]  
 Sent: Thursday, January 23, 2003 12:20 PM  
 To: Jack Abramoff  
 Subject: Re: Event this Thursday for Congressman

Sure, they always are helpful and appreciated.

By the way, you and I still need to chat briefly about the past transactions we did because I need to have information about the educational activities we supported through last year's transactions, in case we are ever audited.  
 Could we talk on the phone sometime?

We really appreciate your help with all of this!!!!

| You are wonderful! By the way, do you still need transactions like the one we did last year?

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## Nurnberger Associates

Government Relations

May 1, 2003

Mrs. Amy Ridenour  
President  
National Center for Public Policy Research  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mrs. Ridenour:

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for the payment we received from the Center.

As you know, Nurnberger & Associates provides strategic advice on how to position issues and communicate these key issues with the Congress. We hope that we will have an opportunity in the future to be in contact with you.

Sincerely yours,

Ralph Nurnberger  
Senior Partner

**KAYGOLD, LLC**800 Connecticut Avenue NW Suite 500  
Washington, D.C. 20006

DATE: May 30, 2003

National Center for Public Policy Research

Washington, DC

DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
5-30-04	Educational program services	\$750,000

Wire funds to:  
SunTrust

Baltimore, MD 21202

Account #  
Routing number  
Account Name: Kaygold, LLC

KAYGOLD, LLC  
800 Connecticut Avenue NW Suite 500  
Washington, D.C. 20008

DATE: June 17, 2003

National Center for Public Policy Research  
[REDACTED]  
Washington, DC [REDACTED]

DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
6-17-03	Educational program services	\$500,000

Wire funds to:  
SunTrust

[REDACTED]  
Baltimore, MD 21202

Account # [REDACTED]  
Routing number [REDACTED]  
Account Name: Kaygold, LLC

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**From:** Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 02, 2003 11:55 AM  
**To:** Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
**Subject:** RE: NCPPR - CCS

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 25, 2003 10:10 AM  
**To:** Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
**Subject:** RE: NCPPR - CCS

Done?

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
**Sent:** Friday, June 13, 2003 7:35 PM  
**To:** Bowers, Holly M. (AdmAst-DC-Gov/Adm)  
**Subject:** NCPPR - CCS

Can you get Chris Cathcart to get us a letter to Amy Riderour at NCPPR which says the following:

Dear Mrs. Riderour,

I want to take this time to thank you for payment to Capital Campaign Services. As you know, we provided issue education on a host of important and timely issues, in jurisdictions across the nation. Our tactics included using telephone, email and mail marketing, polling, focus groups and other methods of education. We hope to participate with you in other campaigns related to issues of importance to the National Center.

Sincerely yours,

Chris Cathcart

## Capitol Campaign Strategies

June 24, 2003

Ms. Amy Ridenour  
The National Center for Public Policy Research  
8000 Moss Bank Drive  
Laurel, MD 20724

Dear Ms. Ridenour:

I want to take this time to thank you for payment to Capitol Campaign Strategies. As you know, we provide issue education on a host of important and timely issues, in jurisdictions across the nation. Our tactics include using telephone, e-mail and mail marketing, polling, focus groups and other methods of education. We hope to participate with you in future campaigns related to issues of importance to The National Center.

Sincerely yours,

Mike Scanlon

611 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE \* #375 \* Washington, DC 20003  
202-547-3600 \* f: 202-547-0084

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**KAYGOLD, LLC**800 Connecticut Avenue NW Suite 500  
Washington, D.C. 20006

DATE: July 2, 2008

National Center for Public Policy Research

Washington, DC [REDACTED]

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
7-2-03	Educational program services	\$25,000

Wire funds to:  
SunTrust[REDACTED]  
Baltimore, MD 21202Account # [REDACTED]  
Routing number: [REDACTED]  
Account Name: Kaygold, LLC

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**From:** Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 09, 2003 6:19 PM  
**To:** Amy Ridenour  
**Subject:** RE: Ralph Numberger

It's perfect. And it is NO bother at all! ;)

-----Original Message-----  
**From:** Amy Ridenour [mailto:aridenour@nationalcenter.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 09, 2003 3:48 PM  
**To:** Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
**Subject:** Re: Ralph Nurnberger

Jack-

First of all, thank you for getting all the letters from parties involved in last year's transactions.

As Ralph Numberger's letter was rather succinct I thought I would include for the auditor a generalized description of the kind of services that he does. Although I hate to bother you about it, I thought it best that I run what I wrote by you so you can let me know if any of it is inaccurate in his case.

If anything does not apply, just let me know.

Once again, thanks for everything and \*sorry\* for the bother!

Amy

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On-call retainer for for strategic planning advice and intervention in the following areas:

- identification of key players (aka, actual decision makers) in the House and Senate. This includes committee and personal staff as well as lawmakers and is based on years of experience in dealing with Capitol Hill, so services offered includes a knowledge of which individuals "deliver," their strengths and weaknesses and their biases (i.e., which are likely to want to help on which issues and in which ways);
- actual introduction to, or intervention with, persons noted above, as necessary to achieve program objectives;
- knowledge of federal regulatory process, including which agencies have which responsibilities, the functions of individual departments and their interactions;
- knowledge of established relationships between individuals within departments/agencies, making it possible to know what actually is going on versus the "official story."

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From: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
 Sent: Wednesday, July 23, 2003 1:33 PM  
 To: Williams, Michael E. (Dir-DC-Gov)  
 Subject: Re: any word on Loper or Chicola for Scotland?

Ncpr  
 Jack Abramoff

-----Original Message-----  
 From: Williams, Michael E. (Dir-DC-Gov) <williamsme@gtlaw.com>  
 To: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov) <abramoffj@gtlaw.com>  
 Sent: Wed Jul 23 14:22:40 2003  
 Subject: RE: any word on Loper or Chicola for Scotland?

Yes, that's it! Who should I tell them is funding the trip?

-----Original Message-----  
 From: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
 Sent: Wednesday, July 23, 2003 2:06 PM  
 To: Williams, Michael E. (Dir-DC-Gov)  
 Subject: RE: any word on Loper or Chicola for Scotland?

As a trip for a c3, educational, meeting with legislators. Is that what you meant?

-----Original Message-----  
 From: Williams, Michael E. (Dir-DC-Gov)  
 Sent: Wednesday, July 23, 2003 12:27 PM  
 To: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
 Subject: Re: any word on Loper or Chicola for Scotland?

What else can I tell him? How is the tripped reported??

-----Original Message-----  
 From: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov) <abramoffj@gtlaw.com>  
 To: Williams, Michael E. (Dir-DC-Gov) <williamsme@gtlaw.com>  
 Sent: Wed Jul 23 12:13:41 2003  
 Subject: Re: any word on Loper or Chicola for Scotland?

We don't have paper but the national center for public policy research is hosting a meeting with scottish parliamentarians.  
 Jack Abramoff

-----Original Message-----  
 From: Williams, Michael E. (Dir-DC-Gov) <williamsme@gtlaw.com>  
 To: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov) <abramoffj@gtlaw.com>  
 Sent: Wed Jul 23 12:10:37 2003  
 Subject: RE: any word on Loper or Chicola for Scotland?

What kind of paper do we have on the trip that I can send to Chicola. He may be able to do it and he's a 2 handicap. What "official" events so we have? Also, he and Feeney are friends. can we get Feeney to talk to him. I'll talk to Feeney's AA about it.

-----Original Message-----  
 From: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
 Sent: Wednesday, July 23, 2003 12:07 PM  
 To: Williams, Michael E. (Dir-DC-Gov)  
 Subject: Re: any word on Loper or Chicola for Scotland?



That would be huge  
Jack Abramoff

-----Original Message-----  
From: Williams, Michael E. (Dir-DC-Gov) <williamsme@gtlaw.com>  
To: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov) <abramoffj@gtlaw.com>  
Sent: Wed Jul 23 12:01:31 2003  
Subject: RE: any word on Loper or Chicola for Scotland?

What about Nickles. He probably has plans but you never know

-----Original Message-----  
From: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
Sent: Wednesday, July 23, 2003 10:50 AM  
To: Williams, Michael E. (Dir-DC-Gov)  
Subject: any word on Loper or Chicola for Scotland?

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**From:** Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 09, 2003 9:58 PM  
**To:** 'Amy Ridenour'  
**Subject:** RE: Ralph Numberger

Thanks to you!

-----Original Message-----  
**From:** Amy Ridenour [mailto:aridenour@nationalcenter.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 09, 2003 9:07 PM  
**To:** Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
**Subject:** Re: Ralph Nurnberger

You're great -- many thanks!

From: <abramoff@ [REDACTED]>  
 Subject: RE: Warning & apologies  
 Date: July 29, 2003 5:56:16 PM EDT  
 To: <aridenour@ [REDACTED]>

Sorry about all of this. please email me what you need me to do and it'll be done. Regards.

-----Original Message-----

From: Amy Ridenour [mailto:aridenour@ [REDACTED]]  
 Sent: Tuesday, July 29, 2003 2:01 PM  
 To: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
 Subject: Warning & apologies

Jack-

Just wanted to warn you that I'm going to be giving you a call. Our joint accountants and lawyers (seems we somehow managed to hire the same accountants and lawyers, aka [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]) want even more documentation.

I am profoundly apologetic about all of this, which I did not foresee. I think we had better suspend doing this from now on -- your time is too valuable to be having to take all my calls for paperwork and deal with all of it.

I should add that all of this is preventative in case the government ever has questions. I guess everyone is paranoid that someone you are personally benefiting or that the In. Rev. Service would think so. It frustrates me because this is far above the mount of recordkeeping they ask me for for literally everything else!!!

Many apologies!

Amy

From: Amy Ridenour <aridenour@██████████  
 Subject: Paperwork requirements memo  
 Date: July 30, 2003 4:11:47 PM EDT  
 To: Jack Abramoff <abramoff@██████████

Jack-

Thank you again for your help in satisfying our hyper-vigilant corps of accountants and attorneys.

As you know, they want lots of detail, but let me volunteer this: we do not have to keep these documents in the main office if confidentiality is an issue. I can keep them in my home office files, and I can promise not to discuss the work with anyone save the accountants, lawyers and, if we ever were to be audited, the IRS. We have no reason to expect an audit, of course, but one never knows.

The following is what they want:

1) The easy one: see if you remain on the board of directors of the Capital Athletic Foundation and, if not, the date you left the board. ██████████

██████████ says she will make a notation on our tax return if there is a common board member between the two foundations. I assume no notation is required if you left the board prior to the date of our grant, which was October 20, 2002.

2) We, meaning The National Center, should get quarterly reports from the Capital Athletic Foundation regarding progress/activities. I believe the easiest way to do this is for me to have a telephone conversation every three months with the person you designate and they can tell me about the various activities, much as they are described on the website. I will take notes and make a formal "note to file." (If preferred, of course, I can simply receive written reports - just trying to make it simpler for your side). These reports would be just like those you would supply to any donor.

or prospective donor. (So the main thing I need as a name and phone number.)

3) At the National Center's next board meeting we will go over this grant so there is a record of the board approving it and the board can vote about it.

Mac says it is better if you do not vote. I'll take care of this, obviously.

4) Finally, we should have formal contracts for the vendor work. These contracts, say Mac, can legally be dated at the dates we paid for the work (list to follow). The contracts should include:

A) name of parties

B) precise nature of work to be completed, including the issues being worked

on, and the amount of it (this should be as specific as possible -- the more detail, the better. Mac says an IRS auditor would "be all over" a vague vendor contract but a very detailed one would be far less likely to be questioned in the event of an audit, so it is better to bite the bullet and

have a very detailed record, even if it is a pain to write it.)

C) description of work product to be supplied by the vendor -- written reports, briefings to an NCPPR representative, poll results, focus group results, strategic advice. If B is very detailed this will probably be somewhat obvious.

D) date work is to be completed (note: Mac says that given the large size of

the contracts it is great if it happens to be a multi-year contract, because

that means the annualized payments are less, so if the contracts truly are multi-year in scope, we should say so explicitly in the contracts).

#### Appendix:

These are the transactions for which they want contracts. It is very important that the two larger ones be very detailed; good if the Nurnberger

& Associates one is, but the smaller contracts are less scrutinized so all things equal, it is better to spend time on detail for the larger ones.

(Mac says the companies probably have standard contracts already -- using these with details filled in is good.)

Capitol Campaign Strategies \$500,000 (10/29/02)

Nurnberger & Associates \$50,000 (10/20/02)

Kaygold \$1,250,000 (total of two payments, one 5/30/03 and the other 6/18/03)

Sorry we need so much detail -- even this email is long! Please let me know how if I can do anything to help minimize the time you need to spend on this.

Once again, thank you for all your help with these records!!!!

Any

From: <abramoff@>  
 Subject: RE: Quick followup  
 Date: August 7, 2003 7:41:16 PM EDT  
 To: <aridenour@>

Not a problem. Let me sort it out. By the way, even when I am in Scotland, I'll be on line daily.

-----Original Message-----

From: Amy Ridenour [mailto:aridenour@>  
 Sent: Thursday, August 07, 2003 12:58 PM  
 To: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
 Subject: Quick followup

Jack-

Before you run off the Scotland I guess I should ask something I should have asked yesterday, which is, do you have an attorney or someone who is actually going to say definitively if you were on the CAF board in October of 2002? I'm just wondering how we resolve this one way or another -- if there is a person "in the know," perhaps.

Sorry about this,

Amy

From: Amy Hidenour <ahidenour@██████████>  
 Subject: Follow-up/Invoices  
 Date: March 5, 2004 4:44:32 PM EST  
 To: Jack Abramoff <jack@██████████>

Jack-

First of all, thank you for calling yesterday at such a busy time for you. It was good to hear not only in your words but also in your voice that you are holding up well and are in good and optimistic spirits (and justly so, I might add).

Do consider our offer to do anything we can to help during your transition a sincere one. We really wish you the very best.

On to more mundane matters, I have a list below for the three expenditures for which we need to obtain the written documentation so our files are perfect for our regular routine audit (with whomever our new auditor turns out to be) coming later in the spring and, just in case, for any IRS audit that probably won't, but always could, happen. We were audited twice in the 1990s thanks to a Democratic Congressman's false allegations against us, so we have learned to keep things ready for inspection. (But I preach to the choir on that issue!)

Specifically, the three items:

(1) The Capital Athletic Foundation should provide a thank you letter referencing our May 30, 2003 grant of \$250,000, and it would be good if they provided a copy of their tax-exemption letter from the IRS with the thank-you (this is a very common thing to supply with every major grant acknowledgement and will be easy for them). My understanding is that you are no longer a member of their board of directors, and will proceed accordingly, but if I am incorrect and you are, we should be informed and



we will disclose this information in our next audit report, as we did last year regarding your earlier service on their board.

(2) We should receive an invoice for the May 30, 2003 payment of \$750,000 to Kaygold for "public policy education services" (or another accurate phrase they choose). The invoice should include Kaygold's address and phone and include some specific language in list or paragraph form about the activities conducted. Possible examples, based loosely on our conversations—last year, but Kaygold should change them as needed to be accurate: "X letters to general public regarding role of low-tax/low regulation policies upon job creation in minority communities; "telephone education campaign about role of low-tax/low regulation policies upon job creation in minority communities conducted in X states," "distribution of X petitions to public in support of low tax/low regulation policies in order to spur job creation," "telephone poll of Americans in X states to determine attitudes about regulatory policies" and/or other similar descriptions of educational activities actually conducted. If my examples don't seem right, they should write what they believe best fits.

Although this was not required in our last internal audit, I have been advised that if the IRS were to audit us it would be extremely helpful if we had some samples of the petitions, or results of any polls conducted, or even something as otherwise mundane as boxes of leftover printed materials used in the campaign that otherwise would be slated for the trash. The purpose of this apparently is to reassure anyone, such as the IRS, who might wonder if the effort really took place or if we just handed money out for no appropriate reason. Anything physical points to real work being accomplished, and that's what they want to know.

Especially given the articles in the Post, the list of activities conducted

should be roughly analogous to the funds transmitted, but we are not here to argue price, just to demonstrate that meaningful educational work was accomplished.

(3) A second invoice from Kaygold for our payment to them of June 17, 2003 for \$500,000, with the same type of information as above (or the supplementary material for the two Kaygold invoices can be supplied together).

Before last week, you asked me to get all this through Lindsey. If she's still on staff (or someone else) I'd be very happy to work through a staffer on this stuff, so as not to have to bother you personally during a busy time.

I'm sorry I didn't get all this last year when things weren't in an uproar.

My fault -- I was caught up in projects and didn't contact Lindsey. Figured

I had until our audit to do it, and then everything suddenly was happening at once. I shouldn't have procrastinated. Lesson learned.

Thanks VERY MUCH for your help and patience, and good luck with everything!

Thanks again,

Amy

Jack-

I hate to be an annoyance, but I thought I would check in regarding the grants documentation. We're looking to start the audit sometime after April 15 and I don't have anything yet. Obviously, that is a few weeks away yet, but I did not want to wait until the very last minute to check in.

I'd be happy to communicate with a staffer about all this in order to stop bothering you, or with anyone you designate.

Sorry about all this,

Amy

From: Amy Ridenour <aridenour@...>  
 Subject: Re: Sorry about this...  
 Date: March 30, 2004 10:40:01 AM EST  
 To: Jack Abramoff <Jack@...>

Thanks for being so understanding. I really wish I didn't have to bother you about it, especially when you don't have a staff. If there is anything I can do to help, or if it would save you some time if I sent another copy of the list of info we need, just let me know.

Predictably, I saw the Post story this morning. It still seems to me as though they are making a mountain out of a molehill. One can't go long listening to WMAL or WTOP without hearing lobbying-type ads. That stuff isn't cheap, but we all seem to take it for granted.

Do you expect that we will hear from the Senate? From where I sit, it is hard to know what is covered by confidentiality rules and also how much of this matter is reflective of internal fights among the Saginaw group. As most of what we received was from the Choctaws, does that leave us mostly out of it, or am I being unrealistically optimistic?

Knowing Chief Martin, I have every confidence he wasn't doing any business deals without good reasons, but I also know most people don't know he's nobody's fool.

Anyway, \*many\* thanks for your help,

Amy

You are definitely not bothering me, but I don't actually have a staff right now. I'll get this asap. sorry about the delay.

-----Original Message-----

From: Amy Ridenour [mailto:aridenour@...]  
 Sent: Monday, March 29, 2004 4:32 PM  
 To: Jack Abramoff  
 Subject: Sorry about this...

On Jul 25, 2004, at 11:19 PM, Jack Abramoff wrote:

Hi Amy. No problem with the questions. The money was not from the Choctaws. I'll try to figure out the source of the funds. What is your deadline? As for Kaygold, probably best thing to do is to send it to me at

1700 Pennsylvania Ave, NW, suite 400, Washington, DC 20006. I understand

and appreciate the advice that we not discuss the matters at hand. Hopefully they will all pass soon. Hope to see you soon as well.

From: Amy Ridenour <aridenour@██████████  
 Subject: Re: Couple of address questions  
 Date: July 26, 2004 12:18:09 AM EDT  
 To: Jack Abramoff <Jack@██████████

Jack-

Thank you. I appreciate your help on both counts. As to the source of funds, I am not adverse to listing Greenberg Traurig as the source on our official papers as GT is, in fact, the legal entity from which we received the money. We'd send a confirmation letter to GT in that case, of course. We have the copies of the wire transfers from them so there is no question about the dates and amounts and GT being our direct source; what I don't know is if they would sign a letter or or just throw it away, and who there/which department to direct the letter to. GT is rather large. All they would need to confirm is the accurate amounts and that it was a "grant" (although they have the option of adding details).

Our we can go with the direct source. I have not asked this auditor but when May and Barnhard were our auditors they said that in the case in which a donor sends money through a law firm I could list the law firm as the donor or the original donor.) I was hoping to send the letters to the auditor (I prepare them and they mail them out) tomorrow but I don't have to. I'm just trying to get everything wrapped up for our 8-15 tax return deadline, and I need to leave time for people to get the letters, consult their records and return them.

As for Kaygold, thanks for your help in getting the letter to a responsible party who knows the facts and speaks for them. The last thing I want to do is mail the letter to a closed mailbox or something and have it come back undeliverable six weeks from now, while we thought they had it. I suspected Mike's companies might be in some upheaval but the problem with not talking to anyone is that one does not know what is going on, or how to reach anyone who has moved.

Anyway, thanks again!

Amy

From: Amy Ridenour <ardenour@...>  
 Subject: Re: Couple of address questions  
 Date: July 28, 2004 8:31:18 PM EDT  
 To: Jack Abramoff <Jack@...>

Hi Jack-

Just checking in on the "source of the funds" question. I'm wondering if we should consider GT the donor & send the confirmation letter to their accounting department. They were the direct source of funds. But I wanted to check in with you one more time in case you had checked the records and determined for certain GT was sending the funds on a client's behalf, but just had not had a chance to get back to me yet.

Thanks and sorry for the trouble. I hope we'll be able to get together soon, in more relaxed circumstances.

Thanks again,

Amy

From: Amy Ridenour <ardenour@██████████  
Subject: Re: Couple of address questions  
Date: July 28, 2004 7:38:06 PM EDT  
To: Jack Abramoff <Jack@██████████

Thanks, Jack. And it was great talking with you.

On Jul 28, 2004, at 7:49 PM, Jack Abramoff wrote:

Here is the address:

James Levy, QC  
International Interactive Alliance  
██████████  
Gibraltar



From: Amy Ridenour <aridenour@██████████  
 Subject: James Levy E-mail  
 Date: July 30, 2004 5:15:03 PM EDT  
 To: Jack Abramoff <jack@██████████

Hi Jack,

Me again (the pest! <g>). Our auditor suggested the below, which is obviously optional, but I thought shooting the guy an e-mail over the weekend asking him to FedEx the reply back if possible and offering to be billed for the FedEx charge.

As I figured this might be a good opportunity to remind him who the heck we are, since they sent the money through GT. I thought I would run my e-mail by you before sending it. It is below. I'll send it later this weekend, but if you have any suggestions about its wording to make sure it jogs his memory or anything like that I am open to them. I know you will not be online during the Sabbath (and today is a holiday, too, if I'm not mistaken), so I will hold off on e-mailing this until late Sunday. I wonder also if you think it would be useful to cc: the message to him to you so his memory is jogged that this is a deal he was working with you on (if that is even necessary). I know we have a forgettable name, and he may simply have been told that non-profits were involved; not necessarily which ones.

Sorry for bugging you. At least we get to chat, even if it is about boring stuff.

Hope you have a great weekend, and that things are going as well as possible.

Amy

Auditor message below:

Hi Amy,

I am fed ex'ing the confirmation to Gibraltar tonight. Do you want to check