
From: Hook, Sam (Dir-DC-Gov/Adm)
Sent: Monday, January 05, 2004 9:25 AM
To: 'GRHalpern@██████████'
Subject: Re: Aeneas Enterprises, Inc.

Okay

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

From: GRHalpern@██████████, GRHalpern@██████████
To: Hook, Sam (Dir-DC-Gov/Adm) <hookss@██████████>
Sent: Mon Jan 05 09:13:36 2004
Subject: Aeneas Enterprises, Inc.

pls make sure you have invoices from Aeneas Enterprises, Inc. for the transfer and check at year end. you will need to issue a1099 to it for the total amount.

Gail R. Halpern, CPA, PFS
Estate and Financial Planning Services
██████████
██████████

Business: ██████████
Fax: ██████████
Email: grhalpern@██████████

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From: Hook, Sam (Dir-DC-Gov/Adm)
Sent: Monday, January 05, 2004 12:38 PM
To: 'GRHalpern@[REDACTED]'
Subject: RE: 1099 ?'s

No. I have not dealt with them directly. I hope to get all the file from before, etc and get my hands around them this week.

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

From: GRHalpern@[REDACTED]mailto:GRHalpern@[REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, January 02, 2004 12:38 PM
To: Hook, Sam (Dir-DC-Gov/Adm)
Subject: 1099 ?'s

do you have complete name(or web site) for Fieldworks and American for Tax reform? I am trying to figure out if they need a 1099 or not.

Gail R. Halpern, CPA, PFS
Estate and Financial Planning Services
[REDACTED]
Business: [REDACTED]
Fax: [REDACTED]
Email: grhalpern@[REDACTED]

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6/22/2004

GRI 00116

A E N E A S
ENTERPRISES

STATEMENT

January 5, 2004

Grassroots Interactive, LLC
[REDACTED]

Previous Balance	\$ 900,000
1/2/04 Payment received - Thank you	(\$ 900,000)
Balance due	\$0.00

[REDACTED]
6/8/2004

GRI 00053

INVOICE STATEMENT

TO: Jack Abramoff
Governmental Affairs Division
Greenberg Traurig, LLP
Attn: Linsey Crisler

FROM: Michael Chapman

DATE: January 8, 2004

RE: Request for January 2004 Retainer

Please remit January's retainer, which is associated with work on the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians' account.

January 2004 Retainer	\$10,000.00
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Total Amount Due	\$10,000.00

Please remit to:
Michael Chapman

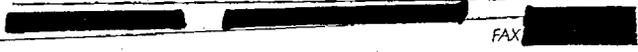
[REDACTED]

Overnight Shipping Address:
[REDACTED]

date



The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe Of Michigan



January 23, 2004

Via Electronic & Certified Mail

Capital Campaign Strategies
Attn: Mike Scanlon



Dear Mr. Scanlon:

This is to inform you that the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe passed a motion today terminating the Consulting Agreement between your firm and the Tribe dated October 13, 2003 for a smoking ban. This termination is made due to your firm's material breach of contract and is effective immediately. This breach consisted of your firm's failure to provide the reports and work product required under the Agreement. Please return any confidential information concerning the Tribe acquired by your firm to the Legal Department at the above address.

Finally, all future communications by your firm to the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe are to be directed solely to the attention of the Tribe's Legal Department.

Sincerely,

Audrey Falcon
Tribal Chief

INVOICE STATEMENT

TO: Jack Abramoff
Governmental Affairs Division
Greenberg Traurig, LLP
Attn: Linsey Crisler

FROM: Michael Chapman

DATE: February 5, 2004

RE: Request for February 2004 Retainer

Please remit February's retainer, which is associated with work on the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians' account.

February 2004 Retainer	\$10,000.00
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Total Amount Due	\$10,000.00
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Please remit to:

Michael Chapman
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Overnight Shipping Address:
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]



[Redacted]
Facsimile [Redacted]
www.pattonbogggs.com

February 6, 2004

Robert K. Tompkins
rtompkins@ [Redacted]

VIA FACSIMILE AND CERTIFIED MAIL

Mr. Sean Reed
Legal Department
Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan
[Redacted]

Re: Capital Campaign Strategies, LLC

Dear Mr. Reed:

This firm represents Capital Campaign Strategies, LLC, ("CCS") and is in receipt of Chief Falcon's January 23, 2004 letter to CCS on behalf of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan (the "Tribe"). We have also reviewed the October 13, 2003 Consulting Agreement ("Agreement") between the Tribe and CCS. Chief Falcon represents in her January 23, 2004 letter that the Agreement was terminated by the Tribe by a vote that same day. CCS hereby acknowledges receipt of the Tribe's notice of termination, and is directing this correspondence to you in accordance with Chief Falcon's instruction.

As you know, the Agreement required the Tribe to make a payment in the sum of \$2.755 million to CCS no later than December 1, 2003. Despite CCS's repeated requests that the Tribe meet its contractual obligations and pay this amount, the Tribe has failed to do so. Please contact me as soon as possible to discuss how the Tribe intends to remedy this serious breach.

In addition, Chief Falcon's letter incorrectly suggests that CCS committed a "material breach" of the Agreement by failing "to provide the reports and work product required under the Agreement." As the Tribe's records should clearly indicate, Chief Falcon's assertions are in error.

As you must be aware, the "Addendum" to the Agreement, which we understand you drafted and presented to CCS to sign, added the following language to the Agreement:



22. Presentations to Client

CCS agrees to submit three written reports to the Tribal Chief, Tribal Sub-Chief and Dr. Chris Petras detailing the status of work being performed under Phase I and Phase II of the Scope of Work (sic). Such reports shall be submitted on the following dates:

1. November 14, 2003;
2. May 14, 2004
3. August 6, 2004

The Addendum did not specify the form, length or content of such reports. In addition, no other deliverables were required under the terms of the Agreement.

In accordance with this requirement, CCS submitted a multi-page written report to the three individuals identified in Paragraph 22 on November 14, 2003. A copy of this report is attached, along with a Federal Express receipt and a printout from Federal Express acknowledging that a "R. Shafe" signed for the package at 11:28 a.m. on November 14, 2003. (See Attachment A). Though not specifically required to do so, CCS also transmitted copies of this report by facsimile on the same day. (See attachment B).

It is our understanding that then-Chief Kahgegab, Sub-Chief Pego, and Dr. Petras have all acknowledged receiving the November 14, 2003 report in a timely way. In addition to the November 14, 2003 Report, CCS frequently discussed the progress of this project with the Tribe's appointed representatives.

It is also significant that prior to Chief Falcon's January 23, 2004 letter, CCS has not received any specific criticism of its written report or any suggestion that it failed to meet its obligations under the Agreement.

Therefore, for each of these reasons, it is clear that Chief Falcon's letter misstates the facts in suggesting that CCS failed to provide the reports and work product required by the Agreement, or otherwise materially breached the Agreement. Please advise us immediately if the Tribe disagrees.

Finally, in accordance with the terms of the Addendum, the Tribe is required to provide 45 days written notice prior to terminating the Agreement. Clearly, the Tribe's termination came well after the December 1, 2003 payment to CCS was due, and the Tribe's notice of termination does nothing to absolve the Tribe of its obligation to make this payment.



Again, please contact me as soon as possible so that we can come to a sensible resolution of this matter. My contact information is listed herein.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert K. Tompkins".

Robert K. Tompkins
Michael Klein
Patton Boggs, LLP
Counsel to Capital Campaign Strategies, LLC

cc: Mr. Michael Scanlon, CCS, LLC

From: Abramoff, Jack [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 09, 2004 10:21 AM
To: Boulanger, Todd A. [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Saginaw - Recall Update

Great stuff.

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

From: Boulanger, Todd A. [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 09, 2004 11:20 AM
To: Ring, Kevin (SHld-DC-Gov); Williams, Michael E. (Dir-DC-Gov); Smith, Michael D. (SHld-DC-Gov/Adm)
Cc: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)
Subject: Saginaw - Recall Update

As of Friday, Maynard had just under 200 signatures for the recall petition (250 is required). They are going to get 300 just to be sure. This was completed in less than one week, which is highly unusual because the Saginaw are a very slow moving tribe. Diana, who was originally on Maynard's team and then switched to Bernie has finally come back into the fold. Her family was planning on signing the petition this weekend.

Also, two of Bernie's guys on the council are scared and trying to get in Maynard's good graces....they don't know that they are also on the recall list.

Once the recall is completed, we are going to have to get a letter to BIA asking that they send monitors, etc, to the special election date. While council has to pick the special election date, it is unlikely that they will, so we may get Meskwaki Round II.

If Robert Pego wins the special election on the 11th for the vacant seat, we may actually have a majority and can at a minimum get Rosenthal fired.

This is confidential, obviously.

Todd A. Boulanger
Director of Government Affairs
Greenberg Traurig LLP
[REDACTED]

(p): [REDACTED]
(f): [REDACTED]
(c): [REDACTED]

From: Abramoff, Jack [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2004 6:50 PM
To: Boutanger, Todd A [REDACTED]
Subject: petras called - 300 sigs by saturday!!

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No. 074982

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Sierra Dominion Financial Solutions, Inc.

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DISBURSEMENT ACCOUNT

#074982#

DATE	DESCRIPTION	REFERENCE	BALANCE
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Check #: 74982

Check Date: Feb 19/04

Inv. Date	Inv. Number	Description	Payment Amt
2/04/04	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] consulting fees	5,000.00

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February 18, 2004

CHECK REQUEST

GAHLER & O.P.A.
04 FEB 19 PM 2:05

REGULAR ACCOUNT: RETAINER ACCOUNT:

FILE NUMBER	CLIENT-FILE NAME	PAYMENT DESCRIPTION**	AMOUNT	CODE*	ACCOUNTING ONLY
1	57044.010100	Agua Caliente		18	(1)
2		Consulting fees	\$5,000.00		(2)
3					(3)
4					(4)
5					(5)
TOTAL			\$5,000.00		

**This description will print on client invoice when using Code 18

Payee: Sierra Dominion Financial Services

Mail to Payee: Yes No

Special Instructions and/or Remarks:

Return to: JALCC

Attorney/Secretary's initials

Signature:

Printed Name: Jack Abramoff

(Fill in address if window envelope will be used)

*DISBURSEMENT CODES

- (1) Telephone charges
- (2) Messenger
- (3) Reproduction charges
- (4) Word Processing
- (5) Witness fees
- (6) Info. & Research
- (7) Title policies
- (8) Court Filing fees
- (9) Reconciling charges
- (10) Minute books, seal & stock cert
- (11) Travel & Lodging-Out of town
- (12) Printing charges
- (13) Transportation-Local Travel
- (14) Postage
- (15) Publication charges
- (16) Legal expert & professional
- (17) Special Clerical Services
- (18) Other Disbursements
- (19) Mailed Copies
- (20) Services Compt
- (21) Court Reporter/Depo
- (22) Transcript charges
- (23) Subpoena Fees
- (24) Govt. Agency reports
- (25) Business Meets
- (26) Expenses from Courthouse
- (27) Absence charges
- (28) Facsimile
- (29) Federal Express
- (30) Local Counsel
- (31) Arbitrator/Mediators
- (32) Private Investigators
- (33) Exhibits
- (34) Lit. Sup. Vendors

ACCOUNTING ONLY

Payee Code: XXXXXXXXXX
 CK#: _____
 Date: _____

DC

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From: Volz, Neil G. (Dir-DC-Gov/Adm)
 Sent: Sunday, February 22, 2004 7:55 AM
 To: Williams, Michael E. (Dir-DC-Gov)
 Subject: RE: FYI - Post Story is online, running in the AM.....

hahahahaha, I'm sure you've got some good reading material

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

From: Williams, Michael E. (Dir-DC-Gov)
 Sent: Sun 2/22/2004 8:53 AM
 To: Volz, Neil G. (Dir-DC-Gov/Adm)
 Cc:
 Subject: Re: FYI - Post Story is online, running in the AM.....

Soon as I get off the can!!

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

From: Volz, Neil G. (Dir-DC-Gov/Adm) <volzn>
 To: Williams, Michael E. (Dir-DC-Gov) <williamsme>; Ring, Kevin (Shld-DC-Gov) <ringk>; Smith, Michael D. (Shld-DC-Gov/Adm) <smithmd>

Sent: Sun Feb 22 08:52:37 2004
 Subject: RE: FYI - Post Story is online, running in the AM.....

yep

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

From: Williams, Michael E. (Dir-DC-Gov)
 Sent: Sun 2/22/2004 8:51 AM
 To: Ring, Kevin (Shld-DC-Gov); Volz, Neil G. (Dir-DC-Gov/Adm); Smith, Michael D. (Shld-DC-Gov/Adm)
 Cc:
 Subject: Re: FYI - Post Story is online, running in the AM.....

We still on for 9:00

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

From: Ring, Kevin (Shld-DC-Gov) <ringk>;
 To: Volz, Neil G. (Dir-DC-Gov/Adm) <volzn>; Williams, Michael E. (Dir-DC-Gov) <williamsme>; Smith, Michael D. (Shld-DC-Gov/Adm) <smithmd>

Sent: Sun Feb 22 00:55:43 2004
 Subject: Re: FYI - Post Story is online, running in the AM.....

I just woke up and read it. Lots of damning facts in there. To be very honest, the Scanlon stuff makes me sick to my stomach - buying up property in cash. I am glad she did not no more about AIC, but the firm does. If

5/24/2004

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people start chiming in with stupid quotes like Duane's, I am going to snap. Talk to you guys in the AM.

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

From: Volz, Neil G. (Dir-DC-Gov/Adm) <volzn[REDACTED]>
To: Williams, Michael E. (Dir-DC-Gov) <williamsme[REDACTED]>; Smith, Michael D. (Shld-DC-Gov/Adm) <smithmd[REDACTED]>; Ring, Kevin (Shld-DC-Gov) <ringk[REDACTED]>

Sent: Sun Feb 22 00:01:24 2004
Subject: RE: FYI - Post Story is online, running in the AM.....

I second that - just got a call from a friend who read the article - his quote, "bad news".

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

From: Williams, Michael E. (Dir-DC-Gov)
Sent: Sat 2/21/2004 11:52 PM
To: Smith, Michael D. (Shld-DC-Gov/Adm); Ring, Kevin (Shld-DC-Gov); Volz, Neil G. (Dir-DC-Gov/Adm)

Cc:
Subject: Re: FYI - Post Story is online, running in the AM.....

.Same here! But they are RT's!!

What about this statement from the article....

"In terms of Mike or any other third party, the firm does not have any formal relationship to my knowledge with any third-party vendor used by any of the tribes for some of their activities," he said.

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

From: Smith, Michael D. (Shld-DC-Gov/Adm) <smithmd[REDACTED]>
To: Williams, Michael E. (Dir-DC-Gov) <williamsme[REDACTED]>; Ring, Kevin (Shld-DC-Gov) <ringk[REDACTED]>; Volz, Neil G. (Dir-DC-Gov/Adm) <volzn[REDACTED]>

Sent: Sat Feb 21 23:49:34 2004
Subject: Re: FYI - Post Story is online, running in the AM.....

This is a total embarrassment. My friends all have it on their bberry's and are asking a ton of questions. This goes from here to roll call to the hill and on.

Michael D. Smith
Greenberg Traurig
[REDACTED]

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

From: Williams, Michael E. (Dir-DC-Gov) <williamsme[REDACTED]>
To: Smith, Michael D. (Shld-DC-Gov/Adm) <smithmd[REDACTED]>; Ring, Kevin (Shld-DC-Gov) <ringk[REDACTED]>; Volz, Neil G. (Dir-DC-Gov/Adm) <volzn[REDACTED]>

Sent: Sat Feb 21 23:46:22 2004

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From: Matt DeMazza [mailto:mattdemazza@redacted]
 Sent: Sunday, February 22, 2004 11:24 AM
 To: Ring, Kevin (Shld-DC-Gov)
 Subject: Re: Here's the story.....

Why, would you slide into his' spot?? (I misinterpreted what you meant when you talked about "moral compass." ... I thought you meant everyone should leave so as to distance themselves from this; I'm guessing you just meant those directly involved.)

----- Original Message -----
 From: <ringk@redacted>
 To: <mattdemazza@redacted>
 Sent: Sunday, February 22, 2004 12:14 PM
 Subject: Re: Here's the story.....

If he goes, I won't have to.

-----Original Message-----
 From: Matt DeMazza <mattdemazza@redacted>
 To: Ring, Kevin (Shld-DC-Gov) <ringk@redacted>
 Sent: Sun Feb 22 12:17:52 2004
 Subject: Re: Here's the story.....

will you? too early to say?

----- Original Message -----
 From: <ringk@redacted>
 To: <mattdemazza@redacted>
 Sent: Sunday, February 22, 2004 12:10 PM
 Subject: Re: Here's the story.....

Others will leave if firm has any moral compass.

-----Original Message-----
 From: Matt DeMazza <mattdemazza@redacted>
 To: Ring, Kevin (Shld-DC-Gov) <ringk@redacted>
 Sent: Sun Feb 22 12:14:42 2004
 Subject: Re: Here's the story.....

So have you been thinking that you would leave the firm, or is it just something that you hope to distance yourself from and stay?

----- Original Message -----
 From: <ringk@redacted>
 To: <mattdemazza@redacted>
 Sent: Sunday, February 22, 2004 12:07 PM
 Subject: Re: Here's the story.....

I don't think mine is. But impact will be felt by everyone. Unsettling after buying new house.

I know more than article and the truth is worse.

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

From: Matt DeMazza <mattdemazza@redskins.com>
 To: Ring, Kevin (Shld-DC-Gov) <kringk@redskins.com>
 Sent: Sun Feb 22 12:09:03 2004
 Subject: Re: Here's the story.....

That's what I gathered from the story, but I wasn't sure if you knew something that the reporter didn't know ...

So is your future with G.T. in question?

----- Original Message -----
 From: <kringk@redskins.com>
 To: <mattdemazza@redskins.com>
 Sent: Sunday, February 22, 2004 11:59 AM
 Subject: Re: Here's the story.....

Jack is equally to blame. He talks tribes into hiring Scanlon.

-----Original Message-----
 From: Matt DeMazza <mattdemazza@redskins.com>
 To: Ring, Kevin (Shld-DC-Gov) <kringk@redskins.com>
 Sent: Sun Feb 22 12:02:42 2004
 Subject: Re: Here's the story.....

So is it 100% Scanlon's fault, or is Jack partially to blame?

----- Original Message -----
 From: <kringk@redskins.com>
 To: <mattdemazza@redskins.com>
 Sent: Sunday, February 22, 2004 11:55 AM
 Subject: Re: Here's the story.....

Hurts Jack and firm. Firm is losing clients because of Scanlon. Firm doesn't appreciate that. I expect corrective action by firm or something will have to give.

-----Original Message-----
 From: Matt DeMazza <mattdemazza@redskins.com>
 To: Ring, Kevin (Shld-DC-Gov) <kringk@redskins.com>
 Sent: Sun Feb 22 11:58:44 2004
 Subject: Re: Here's the story.....

And what of the Michigan Chippewas that have canceled contracts? How much does that hurt your firm and/or Abramoff and Scanlon?

----- Original Message -----
 From: <kringk@redskins.com>
 To: <mattdemazza@redskins.com>
 Sent: Sunday, February 22, 2004 11:50 AM
 Subject: Re: Here's the story.....

They are paying our fees because our firm does good work, but they are paying the bulk to this outside vendor on our reputation and Jack's recommendation. The firm doesn't see the money, but it seems the others are dipping. Not legit.

-----Original Message-----
 From: Matt DeMazza <mattdemazza@redskins.com>
 To: Ring, Kevin (Shld-DC-Gov) <kringk@redskins.com>
 Sent: Sun Feb 22 11:53:20 2004
 Subject: Re: Here's the story.....

so are these Redskins just blindly paying these exhorbitant fees based largely on Jack's PAST successes, and not what's going on now?

----- Original Message -----
 From: <ringk [REDACTED]>
 To: <mattdemazza [REDACTED]>
 Sent: Sunday, February 22, 2004 11:30 AM
 Subject: Re: Here's the story.....

Awful.

-----Original Message-----
 From: Matt DeMazza <mattdemazza [REDACTED]>
 To: Ring, Kevin (Shld-DC-Gov) <ringk [REDACTED]>
 Sent: Sun Feb 22 11:34:06 2004
 Subject: Re: Here's the story.....

that's a lotta cake.

----- Original Message -----
 From: <ringk [REDACTED]>
 To: <mattdemazza [REDACTED]>; <davidcirasuolo [REDACTED]>
 Sent: Sunday, February 22, 2004 12:59 AM
 Subject: Fw: Here's the story.....

Now what do you think of my partner Jack? Not too shady, eh?

-----Original Message-----
 From: Volz, Neil G. (Dir-DC-Gov/Adm) <volzn [REDACTED]>
 To: Smith, Michael D. (Shld-DC-Gov/Adm) <smithm [REDACTED]>; Ring, Kevin
 (Shld-DC-Gov) <ringk [REDACTED]>; Williams, Michael E. (Dir-DC-Gov) <williamsme [REDACTED]>
 Sent: Sat Feb 21 22:46:47 2004
 Subject: Here's the story.....

washingtonpost.com

A Jackpot From Indian Gaming Tribes
 Lobbying, PR Firms Paid \$45 Million Over 3 Years

By Susan Schmidt
 Washington Post Staff Writer
 Sunday, February 22, 2004; Page A01

A powerful Washington lobbyist and a former aide to House Majority Leader Tom DeLay (R-Tex.) persuaded four newly wealthy Indian gaming tribes to pay their firms more than \$45 million over the past three years for lobbying and public affairs work, a sum that rivals spending to influence public policy by some of the nation's biggest corporate interests.

Touting his ties to conservatives in Congress and the White House, lobbyist Jack Abramoff persuaded the tribes to hire him and public relations executive Michael Scanlon to block powerful forces both at home and in Washington who have designs on their money, according to tribe members.

Under Abramoff's guidance, the four tribes -- Michigan's Saginaw Chippewas, the Agua Caliente of California, the Mississippi Choctaws and the Louisiana Coushattas -- have also become major political donors. They have loosened their traditional ties to the Democratic Party, giving Republicans two-thirds of the \$2.9 million they have donated to federal candidates since 2001, records show.

The payday for the GOP is small though, compared with the \$15.1 million the tribes have paid Abramoff and his law firm, Greenberg Traurig, which has rocketed to the ranks of top lobbyists on the fees it has charged gaming tribes, lobbying records show.

And those fees -- 10 or 20 times what the tribes paid their former lobbyists -- are about

From: [REDACTED]
 Sent: Monday, February 23, 2004 7:33 AM
 To: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)
 Subject: Re: transcription as text

Not as bad as I expected
 Aic seems different in piece than you described
 Next steps?

 Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld (www.BlackBerry.net):

-----Original Message-----
 From: abramoffj@ [REDACTED] abramoffj@ [REDACTED]
 To: [REDACTED]
 Sent: Tue Feb 17 16:58:05 2004
 Subject: FW: transcription as text

-----Original Message-----
 From: Crisler, Linsey C. (AdmAst-DC-Gov/Adm)
 Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2004 10:07 PM
 To: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)
 Subject: transcription as text

Interview with Susan Schmidt

Present: Jack Abramoff, Jill Perry, Allen Foster, Kevin Ring, Todd Boulanger, Jon van Horne

SS: As I'm sure you know I'm working on a story about your work with some of these gaming tribes and your relationship with Mike Scanlon and his company and the work that two of you have done in tandem for some of the tribes and so that what's I want to talk to you about. Basically, the thing that I have discovered in reporting on some of this is that you guys are, between the two of your firms, making an unprecedented amount of money from these tribes. Mostly, the lion's share to Scanlon's company. So, I want to ask you, basically what your relationship is with his firm, well he's got several firms. As I understand it from the tribes that I've talked to you guys work together and you recommend that they hire him and I'm curious as to what you think he is bringing to the tribes, what you bring to the tribes, what your role is, what his role is and maybe you could talk about that.

JA: I think we're going to be a liberty to chat about Greenberg practice in general and our practice with the tribes. In terms of Mike or any other third party, you know the firm does not have any formal relationship, to my knowledge, with any third party vendor used by any of the tribes for some of their activities, and so probably best to have you go ahead and check directly with him and if you have specific questions again, we'll take them and we'll look at them, but in general I think we feel at liberty to discuss in general our practice, which we're delighted to do, with the tribes. We represent, gosh, probably, eight tribes, nine tribes, something of that nature. And, our activities primarily for them at Greenberg take place in Washington, DC, and these tribes often times do have other issues that involve other vendors, Scanlon's company I guess being one of them, that take place in their state and other places like that.

SS: Okay, but you basically recommend to these tribes that they hire him?

JA: We have recommended that different tribes hire different vendors for different needs that they might have. Again, I'm going to defer in terms of any discussion of Scanlon or

his company or any specific third party vendor. I'm sure you'll have an opportunity to discuss directly with them and with the tribe. They have their own direct relationships that you'll be able to discuss with them.

SS: Well, do you recommend his company and do you know what they are doing for the tribes and do you endorse what he's doing?

JA: Well, again I think that some of this gets into the area of our confidential dealings with our clients so I'm happy, we'll go back and look at that question.

SS: I mean, is Scanlon a client?

JA: No, our tribes are clients.

SS: But, do you endorse his methods and his company...

JA: We're not really in a position of...other than, offering to our various clients, when they have needs that we can't fulfill, depending on the situation a variety of vendors outside the firm who would do that, whether a be a banking, a merchant bank or a grassroots organization which might be some of the stuff that Scanlon does and others by the way as well, other grassroots companies, or media companies or whatever they may be. But, I think in all cases the outside vendors with the client is their relationship with the client and not probably appropriate for us to discuss on their behalf.

SS: Do you have an ownership stake in Capitol Campaign Strategies or Scanlon Gould or any of Mike Scanlon's other ventures?

JA: No. No, I don't, but again I don't really want to be in a, I'm happy for you to ask questions, you know we're not in the practice on commenting on the third party vendors that, in terms of, other than with discussions with clients. Again, I'm happy to take in all the various questions you have about Scanlon or any of the other vendors but beyond what we've just discussed, I really don't think it's appropriate for me to go beyond that.

SS: So you don't have any ownership stake in any ...

JA: I've answered that, and I really again, I don't want to go beyond that with you. I said I don't. I don't have any.

SS: Okay, alright. You know, this is so much at the heart of what I want to ask you about. Because you are a big connected Washington lobbyist that goes out to these tribes, unsophisticated people often and you are selling your access to people in Washington and they're buying that for a very large fee and then you're recommending this other guy and saying bring him in 3 or 4 times what you're charging, which is already pretty high. So, I guess that's the essence of what I'm going to be writing about so anything that you want to say about that...

JA: Well let me tell you generally, if I can, and [question to Allen Foster] tell me if this is a appropriate in a general context about what we do for the tribes and sometimes their needs to have more political activities in their states where they have other situations in their states, which is not always the case, but in certain cases where the tribe might have, for example, a need to have their compact re-negotiated or they may have competition issues in their state with other gaming entities or entities that are hostile to gaming. Generally, what we do is a number of projects, I can't think of too many tribes that we have gone out to solicit their business, most of the clients that we have have come to us and they ask our help for legislation and specific needs on Washington as the tribes have a government to government relationship with the federal government and so we have developed a practice that in part specializes in dealing with tribes and helping tribes protect tribal sovereignty in Washington and has an ability to assist the individual tribes that we are engaged by in their efforts to improve their relationships across the board, both in the Congress and the Administration and other policy makers, Republican, Democrat, House and Senate basically there are a lot of folks who the tribes generally desire to have more knowledge about what their activities are and specifically about history and sovereignty, tribal sovereignty which is generally misunderstood, I think it's less misunderstood now than when we started this, which we actually started at a previous firm

SS: Uh hum.

JA: then I came here. I've been doing this since 1995 with the tribes. So that is, we're generally invited in to talk to a tribe that either is not satisfied with it's Washington representation or generally desires to have some sort of better approach to the federal government. And frequently, these tribes are in a situation where they have a specific need. Sometimes those specific needs are macro needs fighting, for example, to preserve sovereignty on the tax issue to ensure that tribes are not taxed either at the state level or federal level being the government

SS: Are you talking about the fee for regulation or

JA: No, I'm talking about, no, when we actually started this, the first issue we were involved in on behalf of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians was the, a UBIT tax on tribal gaming enterprises. There was a proposition that was approved into the 1995 budget reconciliation by the House which put a tax on tribes. So, we were engaged by the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians who recognize that most of the lobbyists at that point for tribes only had dealings with the Democrats and that the new majority Republicans didn't have anybody talking to them and we were basically approached by the Choctaws at our old firm and were successful in dealing with that. As time developed tribes would have us involved in many more issues, for example, the Choctaw at first just wanted us involved in that one issue...garbled...a lot of other lobbyists and lawyers involved and we said that's fine we'll handle this and we had some success and expanded our activities with them and have been with them almost 10 years now continuing strong.

SS: What was that specific tax issue.

JA: It was a UBIT, unrelated business income tax for tribal gaming enterprises, you know Indian gaming. And it was in the House reconciliation, budget reconciliation bill. We can, we can, it's been written about a lot we can get you our efforts on that, we can certainly get you some more...

SS: And that saved the tribe a lot of money?

JA: Saved all tribes 30% of their revenue. It was passed by the House written as a 30% across the board tax of all tribal gaming enterprises and it was fairly widely recognized that we were the ones who put together the approach that helped to defeat that. Which was a message to Conservatives to say, look, tribes are not your enemy and a tax is your enemy under every circumstance and so many of the Conservative activists groups were able to get active and House leadership, who had previously not been, frankly, very active for tribes or on behalf of tribes, particularly DeLay recognized that they were in the process of putting forward a tax which was abhorrent of course philosophically to Republicans and they took a leadership stand in conference as we were able to work on the Senate and so we were able to defeat that. And subsequently year after year for awhile. Eventually in the late 90s the effort to tax tribes sort of receded a bit, Chairman Archer made it sort of stone issue of his approaches each year but he of course retired and Congress came in and it's been a little less active, even Congressman Istook had an effort for a number of years which we fought which was to basically arrange state taxes of tribes and we fought that. We've fought a lot of issues on behalf of all Indian country and at the beginning when we first became active on behalf of tribes we were very active, and we still do it to this day. You know, we happen to have a very strong practice here on behalf of these issues, we're very emotionally committed to them and we have tribes, even tribes that we represent today, some of them, I know that you had a comment about our fees, some of our clients, we didn't charge any fees when they weren't in a position to be able to paying these fees. We are a business obviously, so we can't do too much of that, but we do an awful lot of it. We've just recently ... with a tribe in Iowa called the Meskawki, the Sac and Fox tribe, where we helped the people of the tribe, almost unanimously they overturned a very corrupt tribal council and the group that we were working on behalf of in trying to help the voice of the people in their recall of this tribal council get ratified, we didn't accept any money from them. We thought that their money should go to their tribal members, what little they had. The group that was in power was siphoning money off, in fact, including paying a lobbyist in DC 300,000 a month out of Dorsey and Whitney or something like that or one of the firms and so you know we are very emotionally committed to them, we've put together a very strong team to help the tribes and that's why we don't have a lot of tribal clients because we tend to be very involved with each of the

tribes we have, we're also very careful not to have conflicts which other firms, I don't know if you've sort of look at the world of representation of tribes or not, sometimes firms will take a whole bunch of tribes all around each other and those inevitably will bring conflicts. I mean, they are competing nations, they're not, there isn't one big Indian nation, it is 500...

SS: Now are you not getting fees now from the Sac and Fox tribe.

JA: We are now and what I'm guess I'm saying is we are business, we charge fees, we are expensive, we are successful. I don't think any of the clients we have worked, I mean they stay with us a long time, other than if elections, and there have been some tribes and some other targets?, elections will bring you a new council and they'll have their own people and that kind of thing...

SS: How did you get involve in trying to out the corrupt tribal council?

JA: We were approached by the tribal council that now exists who were being led by the traditional leader, their traditional chief, apparently, well I guess it's fairly well proven at the point, the council that had been elected was involved with some rather difficult matters in terms of, I don't know if it was a shadow employee...

JV: regardless of what caused it, the members of the tribe wanted a recall election
JA: And they came to us

JV: and the existing tribal council refused to follow the Constitutional procedures for the recall and basically we worked with those who wanted the recall to make it happen

SS: And what did you do for it?

JA: Well we worked very hard with Congress, educating Congress and educating the Bureau of Indian Affairs and others about what was going on there. I should note that Senator Grassley from the state was very active, Harkin was very active there was fairly unanimous view in the state that the council that had taken power and was abusing the system had to go once the people had decided that and they were using processes to defeat the real people there and eventually the BIA and the rest stepped in and basically forced an election which they resoundly lost. SO when we were approached by the traditional chief and the other folks, yeah, they said, look we don't have, you're expensive, we read in all the papers and we don't have money, we said look, we're not in this for money only, I mean we are a business we can't do everybody for free but we do many of our clients, at least for awhile we try to help them along on basically in that case a no fee basis, same thing with Massachusetts, the Mashpee tribe who we've been trying to help we basically we don't want to have a fee from them until we get them to a point where they're in good stead and they've actually insisted that we take a little fee so we're taking a tiny fee, I forgot what the number is from them

TB: 5 or 10 thousand

JA: Yeah, 5 or 10 a month out of dignity and pride they felt that they did not want to have us working for free. I only bring all this up to say they we are very passionately committed to this. WE don't feel that we have the emotional strength to take on 50 tribal clients there are 50 tribes who've contacted us, we just don't take every tribe on. We try to take on tribes where we think we can be helpful, we try to take on tribes where the issues are interesting and meaningful in the overall debate, we try to take on tribes also that sort of fit the criterion of being real tribes that are good with their neighbors that are really helpful to the environment of the state they're in and many cases have been unfairly dealt with. And in some cases, by the way, where those tribes are unfairly dealt with, they need more than just us. And they need to have, for example, to be politically organized in the state which is why are vendors come in, including Scanlon and others to work on that and help them get organized. Some of these tribes, for example, have a compact, gaming compact renewable every certain period of time and they'll come in, these outside grassroots types groups and they'll do a fairly massive effort on behalf of the tribe and we intensive those tribes and that a tribe should be organized politically and that a tribe should be having their supporters whether it members, employees, their vendors, their customers and whoever has positive interaction with the tribe, all of those people we firmly believe need to be part of the tribal family and communicate their

message to the powers that be so that the tribes don't continue to be mistreated as they've been for centuries in this country and one of the ways that they can avail themselves of doing that is by massive political organization and basically being the biggest political stick on the block and that's I'm sure you're eluding to in terms of fees and things like that of Scanlon and others who do that. But again, we don't do that, we don't have the capacity really in the state, we're really only here and you know there have to be outside folks who...

SS: Are there big pressing issues right now before the Congress or uh...?

JA: Yeah, there always are, there, invariably, at one point or another, somewhere between 20 and 40 bills that are meaningful to the tribes. For example, right now we're engaged in the effort to on the internet taxation of cigarettes. Where the tribal sovereignty, thanks to an interest group out there that's been conveniently a foe of the tribes the Convenience Store Operators, they've made and this was the other source the Istook tax effort, they've made efforts to sort of rope in the tribes in a bill that's not really relevant to them and hurt tribal sovereignty, so we have mounted up and we're riding and working very hard to ensure that this bill, which is a bill supported by a wide coalition, I don't know if you're following that at all, but everything from the anti-smoking groups to the cigarette companies, but this bill doesn't ...garbled...would surround hurt the tribes

SS: Now what, how would it hurt the tribes?

JA: Well, um, I don't know...

JV: [interrupting] it would allow the, allow states basically to sue the tribes which they can't do now over enforcement of something called the Jenkins act which is federal law allowing for state taxation of cigarettes and also to prevent smuggling cigarettes without state tax, the coalition behind it argues that it's for preventing terrorist ...garbled... financing their activities and to prevent access to really cheap cigarettes which would allow minors to start smoking so it's anti-smoking as well as anti-terrorism front the convenience store people just snuck in this thing to beat up on tribes because they thing is that tribes are treated unfairly because they don't pay state tax not because they are sovereigns of the government and in fact that's really not an issue because virtually every tribe that does any significant business of its own has a compact with the state as to how to deal with tax issues, state tax issues. There are state where the state and the tribes have agreed the states simply won't try to collect any and other states where the collection is done at the distributor level and not at the retail, there's other states where the tribes have agreed to collect the same amount of tax that the state does in order to have an even playing field for retail sales. So those issues really don't exist in reality they're simply used as an effort to develop for a trade association but in this particular at the Senate it was called a pact, but I can't remember what it's called its 2428

KR: But it's a bigger deal than that, I mean that's the issue, it's a bigger issue

JV: Buried in that is the ability for states to force this against the tribe in state or federal court or get the feds to do it for them and in a situation which would really impose on the tribe's ability to operate as a government. And I guess that's where we're coming from, that they're a real government, they provide real services to their people across the board whether it's education, health care, elder care, law enforcement, judicial services, they are a complete government and they deserve the respect of the complete government because they really provide services to their members and they represent truly a different culture now from the rest of the country and

SS: Who's pushing this bill, who's bill is this?

JA: Well the aspect that goes against the tribes is the National Association of Convenience Stores but there is a big coalition pushing to the overall issue

JV: Yeah, there's other issues too

JA: That particular aspect of it is being pushed by the National

TB: The Senate bill doesn't include that provision which passed

JV: Yeah, the Senate bill

TB: I think that's 1177

JV: Yeah

TB: We worked on that legislation

JV: Yeah the Senate bill as it got passed has provisions in it to protect the tribes and the tribes really want to be, go along with the states, help the states in enforcing this, because they don't, they have the same health care concerns, they have the same concerns about terrorism, so they want to be participants in this not the victims of it. And, the Senate bill provides for it and the House bill does and the House bill still contains provisions that would prevent the tribes from

SS: So that, so this is, this is the biggest thing going right now?

JA: This is one of the macro fights. Each year, in the beginning they were all macro fights, meaning all issues that are going to dramatically impact sovereignty and there'd be dozens of them at a time that we, whether it's ICWA, Indian Child Welfare Act, or it would be on tribal courts and what would generally happen is there'd be some tribes of the 550+ tribes that would probably step over the bounds of good dealings with neighbors and that would generate an attack on all of Indian country from members either in or around that area and so even though well over 90% of the tribes were not doing whatever that is, that one excuse would be used as the reason to legislate. So we spend a good deal of time on that. Now here's, this is an example of a macro issue it effect all the tribes. Actually, ironically, it doesn't impact that much our tribes as much because our tribes have worked out all their deals

JV: Tax compacts

JA: From the beginning of our practice of tribal governments we used to only represent the Choctaw, Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians. And the Choctaw would have us go out and fight on behalf of smaller tribes and on behalf of Indian country in general because Chief Martin of the Choctaws felt that a lot of tribes weren't as fortunate as the Choctaws had become through his leadership and wanted to have a force out there that was powerful to help them and so we still do that actually on behalf for smaller tribes who have difficulties. But then eventually we actually they asked us to look at helping a tribe in Louisiana and who asked us to look at another tribe in Louisiana and then we sort of expanded a little bit and we wound up always carefully agreeing to who we would represent or not represent ensuring that we didn't overlap, we didn't want to have two tribe were at fisticuffs with each other we didn't want to get involved in that, we don't want to get involved in internal tribal issues and things like that. People would sometimes love to have us get involved but we just don't want to get involved in that. We are good at working here in Washington on behalf of Indian country in general and on behalf of our tribes specifically on macro issues and on issues that relate directly to those tribes and that's what we're trained to do and that's what we're good at and that's what we stay focused on and we're very proud of our practice, frankly, we think we've done a lot of good.

SS: Now do you ever get involved in creating committees that lobby get out public opinion against a rival tribe, gaming interest for example, you know environmental group opposes the creation of our casino proposed by a rival tribe or the Christian Coalition religious groups?

JA: We have, in our efforts on behalf of tribes, we do everything we can to help the tribes we're working on working with in DC and we try to obviously everything we can within the bounds of legality and morality we try to be sensitive wherever possible to other tribes. We don't like to see tribes fighting each other. Unfortunately, sometimes tribes do fight each other and sometimes it gets very public, for example in Louisiana, you know the tribe down there the Jena band of Choctaw Indians -- though they're not related to the Choctaws other than historically -- made a very big effort with the governor there to put a casino between one of our main clients and their market, and our clients, and the other tribes by the way, were very upset about this and most of Indian country

that was involved was also very concerned about the tribe being used by the governor, Governor Foster down there to basically seek vengeance on our client who he never quite got the pound of flesh from that he had hoped in his efforts to attack the tribe. So we have in DC actively worked where appropriate and that has again been widely reported I think that was in a NY Times article done a couple of years ago as well and that issue continues to flare up the Jena has, I think Patton Boggs and few other firms they hired to help them so they're continually trying to get things going there's a whole entanglement down there business wise, I don't know if you've followed that at all...

SS: What have you done on their behalf?

JA: I can't get into certain specific things other than what's been in the press, just let me say that we have done in DC, but we don't work, look we are a lobby firm in Washington DC, look, I should say this, our DC office, we do have lobby shops in 6 or 8 of our offices in Boston and New York and places like that so there is, the firm does do lobby in Tallahassee and places like that. Louisiana is not one of the places we do have, I don't think they have an office, we don't have an office in Louisiana. And, we are not lobbyists in Louisiana and we don't you know have any impact on Louisiana, we have impact here and so on behalf of our tribe in Louisiana we have been on the same side on the Jena issue as those are generally opposed to gaming including I guess Christian Coalition, I'm not sure how active they were or not in that effort and they generally don't tend to bring their effort here, those kind of groups tend to be more active in the states but we...

SS: How often do you find your interests pairing up with the Christian Coalition?

JA: Well not frequently, they're not the biggest fans of tribal gaming and we don't really, I don't think we really maintain any contact with Christian Coalition here. I'm not even certain what the status, I mean Ralph Reed who used to head Christian Coalition used to work for me and I'm you know...garbled...he's out of Christian Coalition I'm not even certain who heads Christian Coalition right now, but they're not, they don't figure into our efforts here. It would be a little tough for us to march up to the Hill saying we're the Christian Coalition or we're, you know support us cause we're just like the Christian Coalition, I mean we're fairly well known as lobbyists on the gaming issues. And we don't hold like the Christian Coalition does that gaming is wrong and evil. Now, frequently in Washington people coming from two different sides of an issue find themselves on the same side, for example the cigarette companies and the anti-smoking groups just mentioned before and you know we will sometimes find ourselves on the same side of issues with them as well, but I don't think they would in any way consider themselves our ally.

SS: And, are you involved in supporting financially some of these committees that oppose or that your tribes are opposed to on a gaming issue, for example, there are environmentalists groups, anti-smoking groups, Christian Coalition, do you instruct the tribe or bank roll any of those groups.

JA: Let me again say that in terms of the communications with the tribes I'm just going to defer on responding to that but let me say that I personally have a long history or involvement with all sorts of Conservative member groups. I was myself chairman of a number of them, not Christian Coalition, I'm Jewish, but Toward Tradition which is actually one of the Conservative, religious conservative groups that is Jewish oriented I was chairman of myself. We weren't involved, and I don't think they've ever been involved in gaming issues or anything of that nature. I have personally contributed when Ralph was starting Christian Coalition back in '89 or '88, I personally contributed to it even though I'm not a member of Christian Coalition, but I can certainly speak to that. There are groups that are out there in the Conservative movement that have been active on these issues, they have their own reasons to be active on these issues again in terms of Christian Coalition and the other religious conservative groups they've openly been against and hostile to every form of gaming forever at least as I know, at least since gaming became an issue on a federal basis. I don't think until IGRA gaming was a federal issue.

SS: But sometimes that serves your purposes and the tribes...

JA: Well, again, you know politics, the nature of politics is such that we find ourselves at times allied for the same result on a short term issue with groups that we don't

necessarily agree with.

SS: Do you think it's proper for a tribe to conceal it's true support, you know it's true backing of a group that's lobbying against a casino?

JA: I'm unaware of a tribe that's done that, do you have an example of

SS: Well, a sort of about in Louisiana uh,

JA: Okay, I'm unaware of a tribe making an attempt to conceal it's support

SS: The in Michigan, the Saginaw Chippewa, I think there was a petition drive...

JA: In the state of Michigan?

SS: Yeah.

JA: Okay, so we wouldn't have been involved in that.

SS: I guess it would have been Scanlon posing as an environmental group.

JA: I have zero knowledge of this, in terms of what he did in the state of Michigan, we are not, we are not active with the third party vendors of the tribes. We do what we do and what we did and what we did on behalf of Saginaw and do or did up until the end of our representation with them focused a lot on their needs in Washington, the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe prior to our representation had never really been able to develop it's federal government relationship. We worked very hard to get them appropriations, appropriate appropriations and to help correct federal governments dealings with everything from their tribal college to health care and housing and things like that. That was our mandate, again we don't do activities in states as much as we are active in Washington DC that's primarily our expertise.

SS: So, can you then tell me a little bit about some of the groups that you recommend tribes donate to in addition to political parties, but there are some groups that are sort of mystery groups like this American International Center which is a big client or was a big client here, CREA, Coalition of Republican Environmental Activists, Capital Athletic Foundation, Citizens for Tax Reform.

JA: Citizens for Tax Reform, is that the group, Citizens for Tax Reform?

SS: Yeah.

JA: Well, again, I'm going to defer in terms of our specific advice we give to the clients. You know, and note the question and see if we can respond on that.

SS: Oh, what about American International Center, I mean since you represent them.

JA: All the more so, I'm going to have to defer on both sides on that.

SS: I mean they look like a, some sort of a, very strange operation that had no apparent business. They're located at Mike Scanlon's house in Rehoboth, tribes, tribe in Louisiana is giving money to this organization and this organization is hiring you guys as lobbyists, you know what's this all about.

JA: Yeah, I'm going to, I'm going to defer discussing that again, you know we've got the question and you know if we can we'll get back to you on that.

SS: Is there somebody at AIC that you would recommend that I talk to?

JA: Well, why don't we come back to you on that?

SS: Okay. What about this Coalition for Republican Environmental Activism, this was a group Gale Norton was involved with and Grover Norquist and is involved with, why have the tribes the give to that group.

JA: Our uh, I'm going to give you a general approach for all our tribes and our tribal

practice on this. We from the beginning have strongly recommended to our tribes where appropriate and they're able that they support Republicans, obviously we're a bi-partisan practice and our tribes support Democrats as well, Republicans and Democrats, and particularly Republicans because Indian country has traditionally not been supportive of Republicans in the same context Conservatives and conservative organizations. We feel that tribal support and friendship for the network of free market activists would benefit the Indian country in general in the sense of strengthening the free market approach and the anti-tax approach and the basic conservative approach would benefit and strengthen members' ability to appreciate the fact that tribes are also engaged in the same ideological and philosophical efforts that conservatives are. Basically saying look, we want to be left alone we want to be able succeed and not with the interference of the state governments to impede our enterprises and things like that so we have consistently encouraged our tribes, and by the way, its not just out tribes, we encourage all of our clients to be very politically active, its one of the aspects of our representations with them that where appropriate and where legal and where they're capable, we are very strong advocates of our clients being full participants in the political system. That not only includes giving hard money contributions where they're allowed to candidates or to chairman of the committees, which is a frequent act in Washington DC, but also to the underlying philosophical and activist groups that sort of bolster in this case the conservative movement and the Republican members many of whom sprung from these ideological groups and activist organizations.

SS: Well, some of these groups though, it's a mystery as to what their political involve is. I mean, is for example, AIC is that a political organization.

JA: Well, I'm going to defer on commenting on any of the individuals if that's okay and just sort of leave my

SS: Do you know if any of these organizations move money into 527s or

JA: I'm unaware of any organization moving any money into anywhere. I mean we're not involved in that way. I don't know what the law is and I don't know what they do. I'm sure investigations can figure that out but I don't have any knowledge of what ...

SS: Are you aware of any ongoing investigation into this?

JA: Nah, I meant you.

SS: Actually, you know, it's structured in such a way to be quite well concealed.

JA: I can't comment on that, I don't know how it's structured and I'm not aware of any grand plan to do such things.

SS: The Capital Athletic Foundation, I mean that sounds like a local group here.

JA: Well again, let me defer on commenting on each of the individual groups that may or may not have been involved with the tribes and see if we can past it.

SS: I mean, you won't even say what that is.

JA: Well, I think once we start discussing one of the groups it's going to be very tough for me to say I can't discuss all the groups and I just prefer to be able to discuss with the client where they feel it's appropriate we talk about their contribution patterns and other than what's publicly available and things like that.

SS: Just overall though, your fees and the obviously the fees that Scanlon gets are you know so dwarf anything that other lobbyists get other you know Indian gaming lobbyist too, I mean is there you know a tribe that's paying 10 or 15k a month is suddenly then paying 180K a month plus expenses, what's the justification for that, what is your, you know, what do you bring to the job that other lobbyists don't?

JA: Well, I think we bring in an order of magnitude in terms of our success and our approach on behalf of the tribe. A lot of these tribes who have thrown off the relatively inexpensive lobbyists basically come to us with the comment of you get what you pay for, meaning that these lobbyists who give 20 or 30K a month to ultimately don't get them

anything or they don't enable them to improve their federal government relations on a significant basis. Our tribes, I think if you spoke to them, and actually we'd like to give you a list of the tribes and contact names and numbers and invite you to do so, you obviously may have done so already I don't know, but in case you haven't, we're happy to have you do it, here are basically the folks from the tribes that we work with. One of them is no long a client on that list which is the Saginaw Chippewa but our tribes, virtually all of them, have come to us after failing with the firms small or big, by the way, they charge them a little bit of money and get them nowhere and what they get with us a total dedication to their goals and agenda and then success. I think the clients are best to speak to whether or not we're worth what we charge. I would think that if we had issues in that regard we wouldn't be having our clients for year after year after year as we do. Other than in the case of elections, our clients do not disengage us. They ask us to increase our activities with them.

SS: You know, isn't there some, you know concern about outside people getting involved in tribal elections and isn't that frowned upon by the regulators here in Washington?

JA: I'm sorry I don't understand, tribal elections?

SS: Getting involved in tribal elections outside firms, outside influences, bringing money or expertise or whatever, getting involved in tribal elections getting people ousted, getting people elected, getting people re-elected using tribal funds for that purpose.

JA: Well I don't know, I'm not sure I understand the question, do you mean with the Sac and Fox in Iowa, or our getting involved?

SS: No, I was actually thinking of the Agua Caliente, some people running for election getting dominance on the tribal council and then bringing you guys in and you guys bringing Scanlon in sort of unfolding

JA: With Agua Caliente, I, you can check, but I don't think the tribal council makeup has changed much over the years, I'm not certain

SS: Well it's changed enough so that I think you guys were hired, I mean

JA: Well, I don't know that we were hired for the tribal council change, I think you should check the makeup, I'm sure you can easily do it, call them, the makeup of the individuals on the tribal council has fairly, I mean one or two off and on over time, but my understanding of why they came to us, at least as to what we were told, was that they were unhappy with the lobbyist they had, they had some specific issues they were going nowhere on and we have engaged on those issues and again I invite you to call the Chairman of the tribe who's been Chairman for a long time, well before we were there and discuss with him whether he thinks we are worth keeping on, I mean they are continuing to keep us on, and by the way, I should also note to you in virtually every circumstance other than where the tribe has required it, our arrangement is very much unlike a lot of these other lobbyists, most of the lobbyists say we want a one year/ two year contract, our deal is, with every client that we have, except where the client demands it for their own reasons of governance, is that if they're unhappy with us, they don't have to wait a year, they can fire us that minute and we're gone. That's the deal we have and have certainly have that to my knowledge with Agua Caliente and I'm not aware of any tribal election shifting in Agua Caliente at all. I mean I think uh

SS: Is it the 5 member council?

JA: There's a 5 member council. I don't, I think there's basically been the chairman, Barbara, Jeanette, Moraino and Virginia and Candace who is Moraino's cousin are one year off, one year on, but that they've been the same, to my knowledge, for years, or at least before we got there. They came to us basically, specifically complaining about their lobbyist in Washington, who I think was charging them 30K a month or something like that and not delivering things to them, and uh

SS: What is it that they wanted here?

JA: Well, they were, they had a number of issues, one was the post office, they had

dealings with the post office, that's the one I specifically remember, maybe we can get Duane in here unless you guys remember any of the other issues. They had very tough dealings with the post office and were promised continually to have this dealt with on a Washington DC level and nothing ever happened. In fact, the lobbyist who they had, I won't mention any names, nice enough guy, he actually tried to get the then Chairman of the committee that dealt with the post office, Dan Burton at that time, to visit the tribe continually and couldn't get him to go and he actually called me and asked me to help, we had nothing to do with the tribe at that point, and I called Dan on his behalf and got Dan to visit the tribe. I didn't know where the tribe was back then, and then a couple years later after still nothing happening, that was one of the reasons they came to us and they asked me to come and I went out and they were also they had lots of issues, some of which we couldn't deal with, there were banking issues that we subsequently got, I think we recommended some folks to them on banking issues and other matters of that nature, but um.

SS: Do you remember what the post office issue was?

JA: I don't off the top of my head, but Jon.

JV: A lot of these issues, I'm not sure we can get into specific details on that, but a lot of these issues have to do with the status of their land whether it's taken into trust or not because as these tribes develop economically, in order to grow, they need to, oh wait a minute, cause what I say is very important. Like I was saying, a lot of these issues deal with land in trust...garbled...which are ultimately controlled here in Washington even though they relate to real estate at the particular reservation or location of the tribe. I'm not, I think indirectly this one may have dealt with the land in trust issue. They have other land in trust issues, other tribes, in fact most of the tribes we deal with have land in trusts issues which are very difficult and are a constant problem because of the BIA bureaucracy and

JA: I should also note

JV: And its not just gaming its for all purposes. Whether we have I mean one tribe that wants to take land into trust for a clinic for crying out loud and BIA keeps losing their application.

JA: In fact, let me highlight why it is tribes like Agua approach us when those are their issues. We were successful in legislatively moving 8000+ acres for the Mississippi Band of Choctaw into trust legislatively because the BIA since 1927 has been delaying them claiming that they lost their application almost a dozen times probably and really was bad faith and finally Chief Martin, the head of the tribe, asked us to deal with this with Congress, which is not usually the first avenue approach of relief. But, when you have an agency acting in that manner that significance, we went ahead and were successfully able to do that thanks to Senator Cochran and others but I think that that was so extraordinary in Indian country that an act like that was able to happen that, you know frankly, a lot of tribes that do approach us, do approach us on land in trust issues and we don't agree to represent them because we feel that what they're going after is really not necessarily something we want to be involved with on a gaming basis or something of that nature. 8000+ acres for the Choctaws included everything from their reservation which looked like a chess board, you know filling in some pieces, to health care clinics, senior citizens homes and other things like that that were outside their reservation and as a consequence, the federal programs that go to help these people couldn't apply and so we worked legislatively to do it so I think that some of the Agua interests regarded that and we're working, obviously to successfully include for them dealings on these piece type matter as well. But that's why we're approached by tribes. We're approached by tribes cause we have a reputation of being able to succeed in certain areas where perhaps some others can't. And we've been very fortunate, frankly to be involved with tribes, we consider it to be one of the great experiences of our lives, all of us, especially those of us, like myself who come from a conservative Republican background who did not have exposure to native Americans really in anyway politically during my whole political upbringing. I told Chief Martin the first time I talked to him on the phone that I'm perfect for him because the very people that are doing this to him are just like me, they'd never really had an occasion to even learn about the tribes. Education in America is woefully inadequate about the history of the tribes and about Native Americans and I was a product of that so I certainly was in the mindset of the members who thought like that and so therefore it was possible for us to

think outside the box and to help the tribes in ways that those lobbyists who had spent years in very, in a very fine way laboring on behalf of the tribes couldn't quite conceive with the new majority. And that's sort of how we got into things.

SS: Have you, you know the Coushatta tribe in Louisiana, you know been the topic down there of all kinds of reports about financial mismanagement huge amounts of money sort of disappearing. The FBI is investigating, there's an internal memo down there created, I guess last May by the outgoing comptroller saying that they'd spent 32 million on lobbying in the past couple of years and the lion's share of it, one of the tribal council members told me, went to Scanlon through you.

JA: Well, the money that we receive from the tribe is all reported in our lobbying...garbled...and is publicly available

SS: Right

JA: And is not anywhere near 32 million dollars. I don't know how much Scanlon or any other vendor for any other service received down there, that's not our business and we don't get involved in that. But, all money that we received were dutifully reported on our lobbying disclosure forms and are publicly available. If you don't have them already and can't get them, we'd certainly be happy to help.

SS: I have them.

JA: Okay

SS: I mean, I bring up the Scanlon thing because his fees are not reported anywhere.

JA: Have you talked to Scanlon?

SS: Not yet.

JA: Okay, well. When, I'm sure he'll have something to say. But we, we, I don't have you know capacity to respond for Scanlon.

SS: I mean I bring it up to you because you have a reputation he does not and you go out in the countryside and urge that people hire him and so, sort of your seal of approval means something um, you are connected to people in the leadership of the Congress and the White House and so when you say hire this guy that carries some weight and if this guy is charging tribes you know 10 million dollars for junk um that is something I would think that you would be concerned about and your law firm would be concerned about and that's why I'm bringing it up to you.

JA: Well, let me say this if I can, certainly in the case of Coushatta's and many of the tribes where we have recommended third party vendors to help them, I'm unaware of any tribe in any way being dissatisfied with those vendors. I would assume they would contact us and complain to things of that nature. The, uh, certainly, I have never received any contact from the Chairman of Coushatta or the others that I recall Mike Scanlon or other third party vendors being involved with and I'm sure you're able to ask him those questions and ask the tribes. I would ask the tribes directly, each of them, I don't know how many on that list have used Mike or others. I'm sure you've been investigating this story for awhile you probably of where he has been involved and where he's not been I would certainly recommend you ask directly to them and see what he has done. I don't know whether his work or other people's work is worthwhile or not in the sense that you're describing junk. I didn't mean to say worthwhile or not, but you've said it's junk. I don't know whether it's junk or it's not, the best arbiter of the quality of the work is most probably the person who engaged the vendor to be involved.

SS: Yeah, well, I'm talking to some of the tribal council members of different tribes.

JA: Keep, I mean, obviously I'm sure you know this by now, one has to be constantly cognizant of the fact that in most tribes, there's a continuing a power struggle going on. And, often times outside parties who are working on behalf of the tribe as a whole are lured into, not themselves lured, but are brought into as an issue internal power struggles. And it happened to us as well until the tribe sat down and realized, that uh,

gosh these folks are out there, specifically, one of the clients who we've had the longest, these folks are out there working on behalf of all of us and they're not involved in our internecine who is controlling what piece of the pie at the tribe. So, I'm sure you're aware of this at this point and I think it's just very important to make sure you get a wide picture among the various factions within the tribe and I think you'll probably find that given the internecine fighting in some of the tribes you'll wind up with varying views of the validity and value of the work done by every one of the vendors right down to their people providing them with tissue paper probably. So, I think it's just something to highlight in terms of the tribes. It's not by the way just tribes, I mean, this happens in many places, many governments.

JV: Yeah, tribes really are as political as any other government.

SS: Yeah, I am definitely aware.

JV: Like I say, you know we're really not Indian lobbyists, we're lobbyists who happen to represent several tribes. And, I think it's a little demeaning to think that only people who don't charge much can represent tribes. Tribes are entitled to the best representation in town and it may cost a little more but they're entitled to it just like any other government any other private entity would be entitled to it. So, I, you know, not in this firm, but in another firm, I got into Indian matter precisely because our first client was not allowed in the Washington office of their then Washington office to even use the Xerox machine because they were on the outs with another tribe with whom they were having a problem. And they walked out of that office and into our office and too many of the old time Indian lobbyists will represent anybody that walks through the door and if they could get all 500 tribes signed up they'd do it. And you just can't do that anymore than you...flip tape...or tribes with philosophical differences or historic issues. Like we represent a tribe in Arizona and we will never represent another tribe in Arizona because of their history.

JA: Well that, I should note also on the Aqua front, one of the concerns of the tribes in the whole region where they are located from San Diego on up through Coachella Valley is that the previous lobbyists were representing all the tribes and so they were playing off the interests and so in fact, when we, we were so adamant about our desire not to ever have competing interests for our tribes that we agreed to be exclusive to the Aqua within the state of California, taking us out by the way of 50 some odd other significant tribal organizations, many of whom, at least 10 of whom, have contacted us, basically begging us to represent them and we've said no, so again with us, we're just of a different approach. We believe that you know we're a law firm, our clients have to be, we have to do, aggressively help our clients, we represent the nation that we represent, we don't represent all of Indian country, although we do work on behalf of all Indian country, but we represent the Choctaw nation, we represent the Coushatta nation, the Chitimacha nation. Those are our clients, those are the interests that we have in mind.

KR: Jack, I'm going to just say one thing, cause I was on the not speak unless spoken to, but just say one thing that we didn't mention when we were talking about other lobbying firms. And sort of fee and I don't think we'll be disclosing too much of our client information it's all available to the public

JA: Go ahead

KR: There have been clients who have come to us and said, you know, we were told we cannot get federal money for this health clinic or we cannot get federal money for this victim's of crime program our lobbyist told us that money is not earmarked for tribes. And, that had not been our record. But, I just, we don't fight just defensive battles is my point, we fight the Indian country fights but I think our clients are very aggressive but offensively and I the record shows that. I think that that's, cause I know a lot of the folks who have smaller retainers have, I mean I know of in two cases other firms have told their clients who have then hired us that you cannot get money, I mean you can't money out of Congress for your need. I mean you can get IRS funding, you can get the formulas and all that, but earmarks are not available to tribes.

SS: And are there specific earmarks that you...

KR: Well like I say, it's all public information and our tribes should highlight the ones

they want to highlight, I just think it's worth mentioning that there is a difference between playing defense and playing offense and some of our tribes where they have had critical health needs have sought federal assistance and received it where they told they didn't even seek it because their lobbyist told them not to, that it wasn't available to them. But they can all attest to that, I think even better than we can. But it's also all in sort of bills...

SS: Well, if you want to point me to any projects that would be helpful.

AF: We'll take that under advisement. If our clients give us permission. I think it more appropriately comes from the client. If the client gives us permission to give you a list, we'll give you a list, but uh.

JA: I don't know if this is appropriate or not and I don't know if you have any intention of contacting any of the clients, but if you do, and you wish, and it is alright to do, you could theoretically discuss it with them before you contact them and just tell them they could go ahead if they want to highlight, when you do discuss it with them, specific projects for this year or whatever year it is, again I don't know if you're planning to talk to them.

AF: I'm just sensitive to our giving any list of specific accomplishments for tribes because if you go and publish a list of accomplishments for tribes we don't have any idea whether that helps or hurts our clients the next time we go to the Hill. It might well hurt them and so therefore the client should be the one that comes up with kind of information, not us with some backpadding list of great deeds that we've done.

TS: Any word search of our clients names in any conference report you'll find some and you can use that.

SS: Well, you know if you

AF: We'll inquire of the client but we, I think it would be entirely inappropriate for us a firm to be touting our accomplishments on behalf of the clients without the clients consent. It's not something we do.

SS: Okay. And let me ask you one other thing related to fee and that's expenses, your fees are fees plus expenses. Which is kind of unusual when the fees are this high.

JV: I was under the impression that sometimes they were and sometimes they weren't.

KR: Yeah.

JA: Well, you're focused on the ones that aren't.

SS: Well, one of the complaints I've heard is that some tribes get 1K/2K a month in Bills in Signatures. You know feeling like, some dissident council members feeling as though they're floating your restaurant in addition to

JA: Well I think again we'll want to probably hold on a specific discussion of each client. But, in general I don't think there'd be any lack of a whole number of restaurants in town that are regularly visited in the appropriate duties of the lobbyists. But, I don't think there's be any one focus in one place or not, and I hope that and am fairly certain that nothing being done by this or any other firm in any representations is by any means floating any restaurant. I have first hand restaurant experience to back that comment up. It would take an army of people compelled to eat every meal, so uh, anyway. I mean, again, there may be, there may be some cases of dissidence in members of councils that are unhappy with the incumbent of choice of a firm that's delivering things for the tribe in DC and thereby, you know as a consequence making that entire tribal council and the whole tribe look good. Dissidents generally aren't in favor of that and so they're willing to probably focus on aspects that you know in the abstract might seem unusual but you know in terms of stand by my statement about our folks where appropriate and where permissible spend as much time or more in a whole host of other restaurants other than any that I may be involved in.

SS: Just to touch on one other thing and that is SunCruz and what the plan was as far as

tie in to Indian gaming. Was there some plan to bring in some of these tribes that you now represent into the SunCruz venture?

JA: Well SunCruz is an ongoing matter we're going to have to defer comment on that. Can I answer.

AF: I think I know the answer.

JA: The answer is no, but I don't want to answer any more questions than that.

AF: Well no, but the answer to that one is no.

SS: And, so you don't want to comment anymore

JA: SunCruz is one of the ongoing matters I think that Allen referred to earlier. If you want to pose questions we can add

SS: I mean I guess I'd just like to know a little bit about the 23 million dollar wire transfer issue and what's going on with that.

JA: Well, again, it's an ongoing matter and that is no way related to any of the tribes or any of our clients. But, I think beyond that I'm going to have to

SS: I bring it up because I read some stuff about SunCruz that said you were trying to do a tie-in in some way with

JA: Yeah, I'm unaware of what that could be a tie-in

SS: With the tribes and gaming

AF: Can you refer us to what you read that we could look at and respond to that.

SS: Yeah, I've got some clips on it and I think I read a couple of things.

AF: Why don't you just e-mail Jack what it is and we'll take a look at it and see if we can't respond.

SS: Okay. And, um, you've not heard from the FBI on the Louisiana investigation.

JA: No

SS: Okay. And as far as your current representation, the only one on here that you're not representing is the Saginaw Chippewa?

JA: That's correct. I don't know that that is exhaustive, Hopi's not on there.

SS: The Alaskan natives are

JA: Right, I mean we do, you know the Alaskan Natives are entirely a different set of issues, they have don't have gaming and things like that.

KR: Same with Hopi.

JA: What's that?

KR: Same with Hopi, Hopi doesn't have gaming.

JA: Yeah, Hopi and I think there are other small, yeah well, Cherokee of Oklahoma. Again, we're not currently representing them, we did a small matter for them, it was not gaming related. Anyone else.

JV: They may be coming back though.

JA: Cherokee?

JV: Yeah, Cherokee.

JA: Yeah okay but we don't currently, anyone else...

SS: Are there other third party vendors that do grassroots work and that sort of thing that you recommend.

JA: Uh-huh.

SS: And can you tell me who any of those people are.

JA: Let me find out if I can and we'll come back to you.

SS: Alright, well let's be back in touch with you as far as some of these questions outstanding like AIC and other groups.

JA: Sure, do you wish to have us transcribe the questions or do you want to posit questions. We can certainly go off of the transcription.

SS: You know what I'm interested in.

AF: We can figure it out.

SS: I mean if you want me to, I'd be glad to.

JA: No, yeah. Your call, but I mean we've got this and we'll get that transcribed.

AF: And if we've missed something that you think we've missed from it, you can

SS: I mean I can summarize it.

AF: Why don't you do that, it might make life easier for me.

SS: Okay. I'd like to get all your names if you have cards or....thanks very much.

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Sent: Monday, February 23, 2004 8:31 PM
To: Marc Schwartz
Subject: RE: ARTICLE

Hi Marc. The piece was the usual hit bullshit, but what's new. Funny part (for me, not Mike) was that 60% of the over 300 emails I got thought it was a puff piece. Thank G-D for ADD!

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From: Marc Schwartz [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 23, 2004 11:05 AM
To: Abramoff, Jack [REDACTED]
Subject: ARTICLE

Well, it wasn't pretty. It sure looks like Scanlon was living a little large, huh! Call me when you get a chance.

Marc J. Schwartz
[REDACTED]

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From: Boulanger, Todd A. (Dir-DC-Gov)
 Sent: Monday, February 23, 2004 3:50 PM
 To: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)
 Subject: RE:

get her to send an op-ed. we gotta play up the racist angle.

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 From: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)
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 To: Boulanger, Todd A. (Dir-DC-Gov)
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 From: Candace Patencio Anderson [mailto:candace.██████████]
 Sent: Monday, February 23, 2004 4:18 PM
 To: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)
 Subject: RE:

That is great. Please, educate Jeannette that this makes us the Tribe sound stupid and we do not know what is going on. No, the word is gullible according to the article. It makes us sound as though the Tribe is not behind the lobbyist we have hired. Isn't it usual that the Barbara is the only seated Council member that spoke out against their own lobbyist? The other people are all ex-officers aren't they???? I also wonder how the Post was able to meet and talk to our Tribal Members for their view unless Barbara gave them some names. The members of the Tribe are not on the web page with contact numbers. Yes, I am a little bitter with her.

Candace

From: abramoffj[██████████] [mailto:abramoffj[██████████]]
 Sent: Monday, February 23, 2004 10:45 AM
 To: candace[██████████]
 Subject: RE:

I just heard you were not coming and that makes me sad, but you need to get better and it is cold here. I am going to schedule Richard for dinner, and will try to get Jeanette as well. I'll let you know how that goes. By the way, I thought the Post piece was racist, saying that these corporations (read: whites) are properly spending millions to defend themselves, but tribes can't. I wish I could write a letter to the editor on that one, but it would probably not be good for me to do it.

-----Original Message-----
 From: Candace Patencio Anderson [mailto:candace.██████████]
 Sent: Monday, February 23, 2004 12:25 PM
 To: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)
 Cc: Gibson, Duane R. (Shid-DC-Gov/Adm)

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Subject:

Well, let us see how the Tribe reacts to the article. Unfortunately, I am not expecting too much. It really is up to the rest of the Tribal Council. I am sorry; the Vice Chair did this because the Tribe's position is in support of the firm and you. Anyway, I guess you have heard I am not in DC. I decided to stay home I have been fighting this cold I can't seem to shake it. I was glad to see you when you were here. Please, try and schedule some time with Richard & Jeanette while they are there. Maybe have dinner with them. There are two proxies with them. It would be good if they were able to come and meet you also Duane can continue to educate them on the great work you guys have done for us. Jeanette told me Barbara was not coming.

Candace

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INVOICE STATEMENT

TO: Jack Abramoff
Governmental Affairs Division
Greenberg Traurig, LLP
Attn: Linsey Crisler and/or Holly Bowers

FROM: Michael Chapman *Michael Chapman*

DATE: March 1, 2004

RE: Request for March 2004 Retainer

Please remit March's retainer, which is associated with work on the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians' account.

March 2004 Retainer \$10,000.00

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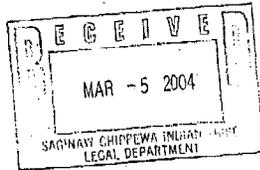


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March 5, 2004

BY TELECOPY

Sean Reed
Legal Department
Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan
[Redacted]



RE: Capital Campaign Strategies, LLC

Dear Sean:

This firm now represents Capital Campaign Strategies, LLC ("CCS") and Michael P. Scanlon. I write to follow up on correspondence exchanged between certain members of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe ("the Tribe") and Mr. Scanlon over the past few months, as well as a letter to you concerning CCS that was sent by Robert K. Tompkins on February 6, 2004.

It appears clear that, as a result of a change in tribal leadership, the Tribe no longer desires to bear the burdens of, or to receive the benefits of, an ongoing contractual relationship with CCS. While CCS wishes that were not the case, it has no desire to try to force this contractual relationship forward with an unwilling party. As a result, in light of the present Tribe leadership's position, CCS will consider this contract unconditionally canceled from this point forward.

If you have any questions concerning the foregoing, or need any further information from CCS, please contact me directly at [Redacted]. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Stephen L. Braga

Michael Chapman

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TO: Governmental Affairs Division
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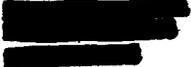
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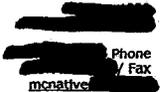
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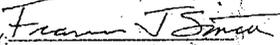
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On January 12, 2004 we received your check # 1008 , dated 12/4/03, in the amount of \$25,000.00 payable to Erickson,Smith,O'Hara,Keigher LLC. I did not understand why we received the check because I was not aware of any services our LLC performed for Grassroots but I just assumed that one of our LLC Members provided some service to you and had not advised me of that fact.

However, I have now had the opportunity to check with all of our LLC Members and have concluded that we did not provide any services to Grassroot Interactive LLC. Thus, I have to assume that the check was sent us in error and for that reason I am enclosing check # 578 in the amount of \$25,000.00 to return to Grassroots the \$25,000.00 you sent us by mistake.

Sincerely Yours,

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ABDURAHMAN ALAMOUDI SENTENCED TO JAIL IN TERRORISM FINANCING CASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. - A U.S. citizen has been sentenced to 23 years in jail on charges related to his activities in the United States and abroad with nations and organizations that have ties to terrorism, the Department of Justice announced today.

Aldurahman M. Alamoudi, a naturalized U.S. citizen who was born in Eritrea, was sentenced to 276 months in jail by District Judge Claude M. Hilton in federal court in Alexandria, Virginia, this morning. On July 30, 2004, Alamoudi pleaded guilty to three federal offenses: one count of violating the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA), which imposes terrorism-related sanctions prohibiting unlicensed travel to and commerce with Libya; one count of false statements made in his application for naturalization; and a tax offense involving a long-term scheme to conceal from the IRS his financial transactions with Libya and his foreign bank accounts and to omit material information from the tax returns filed by his charities.

As part of a plea agreement, Alamoudi agreed to cooperate fully and truthfully in any and all investigations, including an ongoing investigation into a plot to assassinate an ally in the war against terrorism. Under the terms of that plea agreement, Alamoudi also agreed that he should be sentenced under the terrorism provision of the federal sentencing guidelines, and he agreed to forfeit all proceeds from his illegal dealings with Libya, which total at least \$910,000, including \$340,000 seized from him in the United Kingdom.

Alamoudi became a naturalized citizen in 1996. He is the founder and former executive director of the American Muslim Council (AMC), the founder of the American Muslim Foundation (AMF), and was an influential member of other Islamic political and charitable organizations.

Court documents filed in conjunction with his plea agreement describe how, from November 1995 to September 2003, Alamoudi devised a scheme to obtain money from Libya and other sources overseas for transmission into the United States without attracting the attention of federal immigration, customs and law enforcement officials. Alamoudi admitted to participating in a comprehensive scheme to conceal prohibited financial transactions related to Libya, his travel to Libya, and financial transactions designed to evade currency reporting requirements, among other things.

Alamoudi made at least 10 trips to Libya, many lasting as long as five days. According to court documents, while in Libya, Alamoudi participated in meetings with Libyan government officials.

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Initially, during a meeting on March 13, 2003, Alamoudi and Libyan government officials discussed creating "headaches" and disruptions in Saudi Arabia. As the scheme continued, however, Alamoudi learned that the actual objective was the assassination of Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah. Alamoudi participated in recruiting participants for this plot by introducing the Libyans to two Saudi dissidents in London and facilitating the transfer of hundreds of thousands of dollars of cash from the Libyans to those dissidents to finance the plot.

Alamoudi has been in U.S. custody since his arrest shortly after arriving at Washington Dulles International Airport on Sept. 28, 2003. Alamoudi intentionally withheld information about his Libya travel in response to a question from a Customs officer about which countries he had traveled to his itinerary.

"The government's investigations are designed to prevent acts of terrorism by obtaining cooperation and developing intelligence," said Attorney General John Ashcroft. "The sentence handed down in the Alamoudi case today shows that the system works: a terrorist facilitator has been sentenced to jail and we have reason to expect that through his cooperation, we will obtain intelligence that will assist us in our ongoing efforts to advance these critical investigations."

"This is a clear victory in the war against terrorism," said U.S. Attorney Paul J. McNulty of the Eastern District of Virginia. "Terrorists need money to operate, and the defendant was caught in the act of financing their deadly schemes."

Michael Garcia, Department of Homeland Security Assistant Secretary for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), stated: "The sentence handed down today reflects the seriousness of Alamoudi's crimes. His conviction is the result of an extensive joint investigation by ICE, the FBI and IRS, in which agents tracked suitcases stuffed with cash, unearthed Swiss bank accounts, and documented meetings with shadowy figures around the globe. This case demonstrates how ICE is applying its legal authorities under the Joint Terrorism Task Force umbrella to address threats to our homeland."

"The ability to detect and analyze complex financial information from numerous sources is essential to the government's fight against terror," said Nancy Jardini, Chief, IRS Criminal Investigation. "The IRS has committed extensive civil and criminal resources to shut down terrorist financing from domestic sources, including charities."

The case is being investigated by agents of the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, Criminal Investigations at the Internal Revenue Service, and the Washington Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Assistant U.S. Attorney Gordon D. Kromberg and Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Steven P. Ward, on detail from the Tax Division of the Department of Justice, prosecuted the case.

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Abdurahman Alamoudi

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Abdurahman Mohamed Alamoudi was born in the country of Eritrea and later became a naturalized American citizen. In 1990 he founded the American Muslim Council, the aim of the group being to lobby Republican and Democratic politicians and gain Muslims in America political clout. During this time Alamoudi served as an Islamic adviser to President Bill Clinton and a fundraiser for both Republican and Democratic parties. More recently, Alamoudi has worked with leading conservatives such as Grover Norquist, the president of Americans for Tax Reform. Alamoudi and other Muslim leaders met with then-presidential candidate George Bush in Austin in July 2000, offering to support his bid for the White House in exchange for Bush's commitment to repeal certain antiterrorist laws. After the attacks of September 11th, Alamoudi spoke at the National Cathedral prayer service for the victims of the attack. Alamoudi also acted as a consultant to the Pentagon for over a decade.

In march 2004, Alamoudi pled guilty to three criminal counts, including accepting hundreds of thousands of dollars from Libya in violation of U.S. law and attempting to hide it from the U.S government in addition to tax and immigration violations. He was sentenced to 23 years in jail.

David Savafian, the White House Chief Procurement officer indicted in 2005 with officially charged with obstructing a criminal probe has also been linked to Alamoudi by federal prosecutors.

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Abramoff Charged Malaysia for Meeting With Bush

By Tom Hamburger and Peter Wallsten

WASHINGTON -- When the government of Malaysia sought to repair its tarnished image in the U.S. by arranging a meeting between President Bush and its controversial prime minister in 2002, it did what many other well-heeled interests in Washington did: It called on well-connected lobbyist Jack Abramoff for help.

It was a tall order. The prime minister, Mahatir Mohamed, had been chastised by the Clinton administration for repeated anti-Semitic statements and for jailing his political opponents. But it was important to the Malaysians, according to an Abramoff associate who attended meetings with the Malaysian ambassador and Abramoff.

Abramoff contacted presidential adviser Karl Rove on at least four occasions to help arrange a meeting, according to an eyewitness to the activities.

Finally, this former associate said, Rove's office called to tell Abramoff personally that the Malaysian leader would soon be getting an official White House invitation.

In May 2002, Mahatir met with Bush in the Oval Office and his photograph with the president was beamed around the world.

Abramoff received \$1.2 million from the Malaysian government for his lobbying services in 2001 and 2002, according to an Abramoff associate. Documents obtained by Senate investigators appear to confirm at least \$900,000 of that amount.

It's not clear how central Abramoff was in arranging the Oval Office session that was of such import to the Malaysians. The White House says the meeting was arranged through normal White House and State Department channels.

But it was clear, the former associate said, that Abramoff took credit for arranging the session. His reputation for close relationships with the White House and congressional officials enabled him to charge stratospheric fees from his lobbying clients -- and the president's meeting with Malaysia's prime minister enhanced that reputation.

The Malaysia episode sheds new light on the practices of Abramoff, the man at the center of a burgeoning corruption scandal, and suggests a closer tie than previously acknowledged between the now-disgraced lobbyist and the highest levels of the Bush White House.

Abramoff has pleaded guilty to improperly influencing members of Congress and their aides, offering foreign travel and other benefits and later seeking favors from some of them. He often routed lobbying fees through nonprofit organizations to evade taxes or hide the sources of the funds.

The Malaysian payments were made to the American International Center, a bogus "international think tank" that an Abramoff partner, Michael Scanlon, set up at a Delaware beach house. Abramoff and Scanlon used the center to collect millions from their lobbying clients.

By routing the money in that way, Abramoff identified his client on federal lobbying disclosure forms as the Delaware-based International Center and thus avoided having to register with the Justice Department as an agent of a foreign government.

After the Malaysian leader's White House meeting, a former associate said, Abramoff was invited to a dinner honoring the prime minister at the Malaysian embassy and given a seat near the head table.

At least one other Washington lobbying firm -- Alexander Strategies, which was run by an Abramoff friend and former chief of staff to then-House majority leader Tom DeLay -- was also compensated during this period for helping boost Malaysia's reputation in Washington. That firm, too, was given credit in some circles for helping to arrange the White House meeting as well as separate trips for leading members of Congress, including DeLay and several Democrats, to Malaysia.

The eyewitness was the only person to observe Abramoff's direct contacts with Rove and even then he only heard Abramoff's end of the conversation. He recalled Abramoff picking up his ringing cell phone, flashing the Caller ID and saying, "It's Karl." Abramoff listened for a few seconds and gave the associate a thumbs-up. The lobbyist then closed his phone and said the official invitation was forthcoming. "Call the ambassador."

Apart from the direct contacts between Rove and Abramoff, the witness's description of the Malaysia episode was backed by another former Abramoff associate and by documents released last year by the Senate Indian Affairs Committee. Both of Abramoff's former associates asked that their names not be used because they feared it could damage future business opportunities.

Both said Abramoff talked of his access to Rove and cited his relationship with Rove's secretary, Susan Ralston, who serves as Rove's administrative assistant. Before joining the White House staff, Ralston performed similar services as an assistant to Abramoff. One of the former associates said Abramoff referred to Ralston as "my implant" in the White House.

A White House spokeswoman, Erin Healy, said Tuesday that Rove had "no recollection" of any conversations with Abramoff regarding the Malaysian meeting. She said the meeting was

arranged through "normal staffing channels."

The meeting took place as Malaysia, a heavily Muslim country, and U.S. officials were discussing that nation's participation in the post-Sept. 11 campaign against terrorism.

"At the time (Mahatir) was Asia's longest-serving prime minister, and an influential Islamic leader," Healy said. "The president met with him to discuss Malaysia's role in the war on terrorism."

Healy said Rove considered Abramoff a "casual acquaintance."

White House officials said Ralston's hiring had nothing to do with her prior association with Abramoff. Healy said she was a "valued member of the White House team."

While White House officials have taken pains to distance Bush and his aides from Abramoff, hoping to shield the president from the scandal's political fallout, former associates say Abramoff would often brag of his ties to the highest levels of the administration.

In addition to the now-famous photographs of him with Bush at White House functions, one lobbyist recalls Abramoff's frequent refrain when confronting important legislative issues: "I'll call Karl on that."

The Malaysian embassy did not respond to requests for comment on Abramoff's work. But bills from the American International Center to the Malaysian embassy have been turned over to a Senate Committee investigating Abramoff's representation of Indian tribes, which he has admitted to defrauding.

The records show that checks from the Embassy of Malaysia from American International Center. Lobbying records show that Abramoff's lobbying firm, Greenberg Traurig, received hundreds of thousands of dollars from the Center but did not disclose that the funds originated with the government of Malaysia.

Abramoff told associates that they did not need to disclose Malaysia as the client on federal lobbying disclosure forms -- or register as a foreign agent with the Justice Department -- because the client was American International Center, a domestic organization, not the government of Malaysia.

Abramoff's lawyer, Abbe Lowell, declined comment on any aspect of Abramoff's work for Malaysia.

On one occasion, Abramoff, an orthodox Jew and avid supporter of Israel, was asked whether he was comfortable representing a country led by a man known for anti-Semitic comments.

Abramoff responded, "They pay their bills on time."

Staff writer Stephen Braun also contributed to this story.

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India decided to give its \$50,000-a-month contract to Akin Gump, rather than stick with Piper Rudnick, citing concern that more attrition may lie ahead. Merrigan argues, however, that his firm's work with foreign-government clients remains strong.

Still, the shop has its work cut out in 2003. Last year, more than a quarter of its revenues came courtesy of the American Insurance Association, which paid Verner, Lipfert and Piper Rudnick more than \$5.6 million, by far the largest lobbying account of 2002. Merrigan says he expects the firm's fees from the insurance association to be much lower this year.

Meanwhile, lobbyist Jack Abramoff continued to show why he's an object of curiosity and awe on K Street. The senior director of government affairs at Greenberg Traurig reported whopping annual fees of about \$2 million from each of three Indian tribes with gambling operations: the Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan, and the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians. Abramoff lobbied on myriad bills, including one that would have barred states from setting labor standards on tribal lands, and another to provide a tax break for the construction of schools on Indian territory.

But maintaining its lofty spot at No. 5 in the rankings could get harder for Greenberg Traurig this year. In February, it lost managing partner Howard Vine, a 10-year stalwart at the firm who had opened its Washington office. He took his book of business to law firm Dickstein Shapiro Morin & Oshinsky.

The rest of the top 10 stacked up much as they have in past years. Van Scoyoc Associates, the largest lobbying shop in Washington not affiliated with a larger parent company or a law firm, defied the year's trend, boosting revenues

THE TOP-10 LOBBYING FIRMS

(Fee income, January 1–December 31, 2002)

LOBBYING FIRM	2002 REVENUES	2001 REVENUES	% CHANGE
1. Cassidy & Associates	28,000,000	39,000,000	-12
2. Patton Boggs	26,340,000	23,500,000	12
3. Akin Gump Strause Hauer & Feld	22,180,000	19,200,000	16
4. Piper Rudnick	20,150,000	19,390,000	4
5. Greenberg Traurig	17,800,000	16,400,000	7
6. Van Scoyoc Associates	16,910,000	13,400,000	26
7. Barbour, Griffith & Rogers	12,780,000	12,300,000	4
8. Williams & Jensen	12,260,000	10,900,000	12
9. Washington Council Ernst & Young	12,030,000	17,000,000	-30
10. Hogan & Hartson	10,690,000	8,217,000	30

by 26 percent. At No. 6, the firm relies on a long list of corporate, university, and municipal-government clients hoping to slip an earmark or two into appropriations bills.

Barbour Griffith & Rogers—which has been without its principal rainmaker, former Republican National Committee Chairman Haley Barbour—still managed to hold its No. 7 spot in the rankings. Barbour left the firm last fall to run for governor of Mississippi.

Rounding out the Nos. 8, 9, and 10 slots were Williams & Jensen; Washington Council Ernst & Young; and Hogan & Hartson, which was the only new firm among the top 10. Hogan & Hartson replaced accounting firm PricewaterhouseCoopers, which had built a substantial lobbying practice, but lost most of it when former Joint Tax Committee Staff Director Kenneth Kies left to join Clark/Bardes Consulting.

Williams & Jensen, meanwhile, can boast of the biggest hiring coup of the year. Susan Hirschmann, former chief of staff to then-House Majority Whip Tom DeLay, R-Texas, joined the firm in September.

Throughout the year, controversial issues kept the billable hours high at many of the firms. Piper Rudnick earned more than \$800,000 representing Bermuda-based manufacturer Ingersoll-Rand as Congress was

considering legislation that would have penalized U.S. companies that move to offshore tax havens. Hogan & Hartson and Barbour Griffith continued to sock it to Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, two quasi-governmental institutions that promote home ownership in low- and moderate-income communities. The two firms represented FM Watch, an organization of private banks and mortgage lenders that accuse Fannie and Freddie of stealing their business.

As always, tracing some lobbyists' fees back to the source can be a challenging endeavor. Jack Abramoff, for example, posted large fees from a client with interests that are hard to decipher: The American International Center, a public policy research foundation in Rehoboth Beach, Del., paid Greenberg Traurig more than \$800,000.

Abramoff says he worked to promote a "pro-free-market, pro-free-trade" approach to governance in Southeast Asia. The center's Web site cites its "global-minded purpose of enhancing the methods of empowerment for territories, commonwealths, and sovereign nations in possession of and within the United States." To that end, the center "seeks to expand the parameters of international discourse in an effort to leverage the combined power of world intellect." The center's directors, David Grosh and Brian Mann, did not return phone calls seeking elaboration.

Another new Abramoff client, Rose Garden Holdings, is a privately held importer/exporter of paper, clothing, and electronics, with a Hong Kong address. It paid the firm \$700,000 last year to lobby for "fair and adequate trade relations with nations in Southeast Asia," Abramoff said.

For additional reprint information, please call [redacted]

TOP CLIENTS

(January 1–December 31, 2002)

GREENBERG TRAURIG		
1. Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana		\$2,020,000
2. Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe		1,820,000
3. Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians		1,740,000
4. Targeted Jobs Tax Credit Recovery Project		920,000
5. American International Center		840,000

SOURCES: House and Senate reports

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Rose Garden Holdings

From: Boulanger, Todd A. (Dir-DC-Gov)
 Sent: Monday, February 23, 2004 3:50 PM
 To: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)
 Subject: RE:

get her to send an op-ed. we gotta play up the racist angle.

-----Original Message-----
 From: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)
 Sent: Monday, February 23, 2004 4:46 PM
 To: Boulanger, Todd A. (Dir-DC-Gov)
 Subject: FW:

Read this one.

-----Original Message-----
 From: Candace Patencio Anderson [mailto:candace@tribe.nv.gov]
 Sent: Monday, February 23, 2004 4:18 PM
 To: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)
 Subject: RE:

That is great. Please, educate Jeannette that this makes us the Tribe sound stupid and we do not know what is going on. No, the word is gullible according to the article. It makes us sound as though the Tribe is not behind the lobbyist we have hired. Isn't it usual that the Barbara is the only seated Council member that spoke out against their own lobbyist? The other people are all ex-officers aren't they???? I also wonder how the Post was able to meet and talk to our Tribal Members for their view unless Barbara gave them some names. The members of the Tribe are not on the web page with contact numbers. Yes, I am a little bitter with her.

Candace

From: abramoff, jack [mailto:abramoff@tribe.nv.gov]
 Sent: Monday, February 23, 2004 10:45 AM
 To: candace@tribe.nv.gov
 Subject: RE:

I just heard you were not coming and that makes me sad, but you need to get better and it is cold here. I am going to schedule Richard for dinner, and will try to get Jeannette as well. I'll let you know how that goes. By the way, I thought the Post piece was racist, saying that these corporations (read: whites) are properly spending millions to defend themselves, but tribes can't. I wish I could write a letter to the editor on that one, but it would probably not be good for me to do it.

-----Original Message-----
 From: Candace Patencio Anderson [mailto:candace@tribe.nv.gov]
 Sent: Monday, February 23, 2004 12:25 PM
 To: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)
 Cc: Gibson, Duane R. (Shhd-DC-Gov/Adm)

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Subject:

Well, let us see how the Tribe reacts to the article. Unfortunately, I am not expecting too much. It really is up to the rest of the Tribal Council. I am sorry; the Vice Chair did this because the Tribe's position is in support of the firm and you. Anyway, I guess you have heard I am not in DC. I decided to stay home I have been fighting this cold I can't seem to shake it. I was glad to see you when you were here. Please, try and schedule some time with Richard & Jeanette while they are there. Maybe have dinner with them. There are two proxies with them. It would be good if they were able to come and meet you also Duane can continue to educate them on the great work you guys have done for us. Jeanette told me Barbara was not coming.

Candace

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CAPITOL CAMPAIGN STRATEGIES

October 17, 2005

Chief Maynard Kahgegab, Jr. and Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council
 Saginaw Chippewa Tribe of Michigan

[REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]

Dear Chief Kahgegab:

Thank you very much for the opportunity to become the Public Relations Firm of Recors for the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe of Michigan. As I presented to the council in December of 2001, we are prepared to provide top to bottom public relation service to the tribe and can initiate our representation immediately.

As I understand it, the council in not yet fully prepared to initiate the full public affairs program that I presented, but remains in need of full public relations services. To that end, below we have detailed the services we will provide the tribe followed by contract language that will initiate our relation ship.

As you're Public Relations Agency of Record Capitol Campaign Strategies will provide the following services:

CCS will reprsent the tribe on a a daily basis with the media before members of the local and national media.

CCS will propose, stage and help excute all inter-tribe communications as directed by the council. This will include communitnag important tribal government issues to the tribal embersghio at large _----,-----.

CCS will assist the council in the sheehding, staging and staffing gof all "community meetings."

CCS will handle all announcement communications for the councils. Such as all community meeting pre-publicity and invitations.

CCS will develop and produce a Public Relations Mater Plan for the council. This Master Plan will make specific recommendations for tribal communications in a variety of different areas such as community relations, advertising, government relations and investor relations. CCS will them present the plan to the council and execute the recommendations put forward at the councils direction.

CCS will do a full-scale "public affairs audit" of the tribes communications capabilities. This audit will determine the how well or poorly the tribes external communications systems have worked in the past, and how they can be updated if necessary.

CCS will develop a Public Service Announcement Strategy for the tribe. This strategy will help the tribal council improve its public standing by utilizing a free form of communication.

CCS will develop and help execute a full service community service plan that will identify worthy charity and event sponsorships, and ensure that the tribe is represented at the events.

In addition to these services, CCS will provide on-going public relations council to the tribe. On a daily basis we will provide counsel on important topics, develop strategies and action plans to deal with crisis situations and interact with a variety of news outlets.

As we requested we are prepared to service all of the tribes Public Relations need starting immediately. Given the vast nature of this representation we are prepared to have a team on-site this week. In the interim, please review the representation language below at contacts if you have any questions.

Capitol Campaign Strategies (CCS) and the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe of Michigan hereby enter into an agreement for the provision of public relations services as outlined in this letter and the presentation given on December 6, 2001. CCS will be employed directly by the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribal Council and work through the legislative affairs department. The relationship will be effective this day, January 19, 2002, and run through December 31, 2002

For the services outlined in this agreement CCS will be paid a retainer of \$100,000.00 per month. In addition CCS will be reimbursed all expenses incurred on behalf of the tribe. Expenses in excess of \$500.00 will be submitted for approval in advance. In addition, any advertising or other "out of pocket" activities will be submitted in advance and payment for those services must be made in full by the tribe in advance

The undersigned agree to the terms and conditions outlined above.

Maynard Kahgegab, Jr.

Date

Michael P. Scanlon

Date

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