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

Okay

-----Original Message-----
From: GRHalpern@[redacted] GRHalpern@[redacted]
To: Hook, Sam (Dir-DC-Gov/Adm) <hooks@[redacted]
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
[redacted]
Business: [redacted]
Fax: [redacted]
Email: grhalpern[redacted]

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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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AENEAS
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]

5/5/2004

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
Total Amount Due	$10,000.00

Please remit to:
Michael Chapman
[redacted]

Overnight Shipping Address:
[redacted]

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe Of Michigan

[redacted] FAX [redacted]

January 23, 2004

Via Facsimile & Certified Mail

Capital Campaign Strategies
Attn: Mike Scanlon
[redacted]

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

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
Total Amount Due	$10,000.00

Please remit to:
Michael Chapman
[redacted]

Overnight Shipping Address:
[redacted]

[redacted]

PATTON BOGGS LLP
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

[redacted]
Facsimile [redacted]
www.pattonboggs.com

February 6, 2004

Robert K. Tompkins
[redacted]
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:

PATTON BOGGS LLP
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

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.

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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,

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):
(c):

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

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GREENBERG TRAURIG
DISBURSEMENT ACCOUNT [redacted]

No. 074982

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DATE	CHECK NO.	AMOUNT
02/19/04	74982	$ ***5,000.00***

TO THE ORDER OF Sierra Dominion Financial Solutions, Inc.
[redacted]

TWO SIGNATURES REQUIRED FOR AMOUNTS OVER $10,000.00

GREENBERG TRAURIG
DISBURSEMENT ACCOUNT

[redacted]

⑈074982⑈ [redacted]

DATE	DESCRIPTION	REFERENCE	BALANCE

Check #: 74982 Check Date: Feb 19/04

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

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DATE	DESCRIPTION	REFERENCE	BALANCE

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February 18, 2004

CHECK REQUEST

REGULAR ACCOUNT: ☐ RETAINER ACCOUNT: ☒

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04 FEB 19 PM 2:05

	FILE NUMBER	CLIENT-FILE NAME	PAYMENT DESCRIPTION**	AMOUNT	CODE*	ACCOUNTING ONLY
1	57044.010100	Agua Caliente	Consulting fees	$5,000.00	18	(1)
2						(2)
3						(3)
4						(4)
5						(5)
	**This description will print on client invoice when using Code 18		TOTAL	$5,000.00		

Payee: Sierra Dominion Financial Services
[redacted]
[redacted]

(Fill in address if window envelope will be used)

Mail to Payee: Yes ☐ No ☒

Special Instructions and/or Remarks:

Return to: JA/LCC
Attorney's/Secretary's Initials

Signature: [signature]

Printed Name: Jack Abramoff

[signature]

*DISBURSEMENT CODES

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

ACCOUNTING ONLY

Payee Cod[redacted]

Ck#: _____

Date: _____

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From: Abramoff, Jack [redacted]
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!

-----Original Message-----
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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DATE	CHECK NO.	AMOUNT
03/03/04	76838	$ ***10,000.00***

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TO THE ORDER OF Michael Chapman
[redacted]

TWO SIGNATURES REQUIRED FOR AMOUNTS OVER $10,000.00

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DISBURSEMENT ACCOUNT

[redacted]

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Check #: 76838 Check Date: Mar 03/04

Inv. Date	Inv. Number	Description	Payment Amt
2/18/04	[redacted]	57044.010100 Consulting fees for January	10,000.00

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DATE	DESCRIPTION	REFERENCE	BALANCE

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REGULAR ACCOUNT: ☐ RETAINER ACCOUNT: ☒

FEB 26 PM 2:41

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1	[redacted]	Agua Caliente	Consulting fees for Janaury	$10,000.00	18	(1)
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Payee: Michael Chapman
[redacted]
[redacted]

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Mail to Payee: Yes ☐ No ☒

Special Instructions and/or Remarks:

Return to: JA/LCC

Attorney's/Secretary's Initials

Signature:

Printed Name: Jack Abramoff

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Ck#: _____

Date: _____

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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.
----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[redacted]
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[redacted] [mailto:abramoffj[redacted]
Sent: Monday, February 23, 2004 10:45 AM
To: candace[redacted]
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[redacted]
Sent: Monday, February 23, 2004 12:25 PM
To: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)
Cc: Gibson, Duane R. (Shld-DC-Gov/Adm)

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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Michael Chapman

Dedicated to Fund Raising & Public Relations

INVOICE STATEMENT

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

FROM: 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
Total Amount Due	$10,000.00

Please remit to:
Michael Chapman
[redacted]

Overnight Shipping Address:
[redacted]

[redacted] Phone
[redacted] / Fax
mcnative[redacted]

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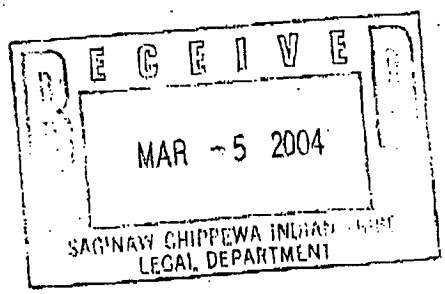
March 5, 2004



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

Dedicated to Fund Raising & Public Relations

INVOICE STATEMENT

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

FROM: Michael Chapman

DATE: March 10, 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
Total Amount Due	$10,000.00

Please remit to:
Michael Chapman
[redacted]

Overnight Shipping Address:
[redacted]

[redacted]
[redacted] Phone
[redacted] Fax
mcnative[redacted]

INVOICE STATEMENT

TO: Governmental Affairs Division
Greenberg Traurig, LLP
Attn: Duane Gibson

FROM: Michael Chapman

DATE: March 24, 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
Total Amount Due	$10,000.00

Please remit to:
Michael Chapman
[redacted]

Overnight Shipping Address:
[redacted]

Greenberg Traurig
Vendor Payments Report

Report: APAY06
Req'd By: WILLENBORGE

Vendor ID	Vendor Name / Check Number	Check Date	Period	Bank	Check Amount	Office	Dept.	Prof Clr	Amount
	Invoice Number	G/L Account or Client.Matter							
6831	Sierra Dominion Financial Solutions, Inc								
	36179	5/22/2003	200305	10107	($5,000.00)				
	5/21/03 Disb: 57044.010100	Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians / Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians				01	1000	GT	($5,000.00)
	VENDOR: Sierra Dominion Financial Solutions, Inc; INVOICE#: 5/21/03; DATE: 5/22/2003 - Consulting services - June								
	2286	9/20/2002	200209	10107	$6,612.90				
	090102 Disb: 57044.010100	Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians / Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians				11	1000	GT	$6,612.90
	VENDOR: Sierra Dominion Financial Solutions, Inc; INVOICE#: 090102; DATE: 9/1/2002 - August retainer pro-rated from 8/22-8/31; September retainer/ J. Abramoff.								
	5121	10/10/2002	200210	10107	$5,000.00				
	092602 Disb: 57044.010100	Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians / Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians				11	1000	GT	$5,000.00
	VENDOR: Sierra Dominion Financial Solutions, Inc; INVOICE#: 092602; DATE: 9/26/2002 - October 2002 consultant retainer/ J. Abramoff.								
	11161	11/25/2002	200211	10107	$5,000.00				
	112102 Disb: 57044.010100	Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians / Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians				11	1000	GT	$5,000.00
	November 2002 retainer for consultation services regarding Agua Caliente/ J. Abramoff								
	18193	1/13/2003	200301	10107	$10,077.52				
	010203 Disb: 57044.010100	Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians / Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians				11	1000	GT	$10,077.52
	VENDOR: Sierra Dominion Financial Solutions, Inc; INVOICE#: 010203; DATE: 1/2/2003 - Expenses; January retainer; February retainer/ J. Abramoff.								
	36179	5/22/2003	200305	10107	$5,000.00				
	5/21/03 Disb: 57044.010100	Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians / Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians				01	1000	GT	Cancelled $5,000.00
	VENDOR: Sierra Dominion Financial Solutions, Inc; INVOICE#: 5/21/03; DATE: 5/22/2003 - Consulting services - June								
	41895	7/2/2003	200307	10107	$5,000.00				
	063003 Disb: 57044.010100	Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians / Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians				11	1000	GT	$5,000.00
	VENDOR: Sierra Dominion Financial Solutions, Inc; INVOICE#: 063003; DATE: 6/30/2003 - Consulting Services for July/ J. Abramoff.								
	44766	7/22/2003	200307	10107	$5,000.00				
	071803 Disb: 57044.010100	Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians / Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians				11	1000	GT	$5,000.00
	VENDOR: Sierra Dominion Financial Solutions, Inc; INVOICE#: 071803; DATE: 7/18/2003 - Consulting services for July 2003/ J. Abramoff.								
	46784	8/6/2003	200308	10107	$5,000.00				
	080503 Disb: 57044.010100	Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians / Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians				11	1000	GT	$5,000.00
	VENDOR: Sierra Dominion Financial Solutions, Inc; INVOICE#: 080503; DATE: 8/5/2003 - Consulting fee for September, 2003/ J. Abramoff.								
	53885	9/25/2003	200309	10107	$5,000.00				
	090803 Disb: 57044.010100	Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians / Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians				11	1000	GT	$5,000.00
	VENDOR: Sierra Dominion Financial Solutions, Inc; INVOICE#: 090803; DATE: 9/8/2003 - To retain consulting services for October 2003/ J. September.								
	63034	11/25/2003	200311	10107	$5,000.00				

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Vendor Payments Report

Report: APAY06
Req'd By: WILLENBORGE

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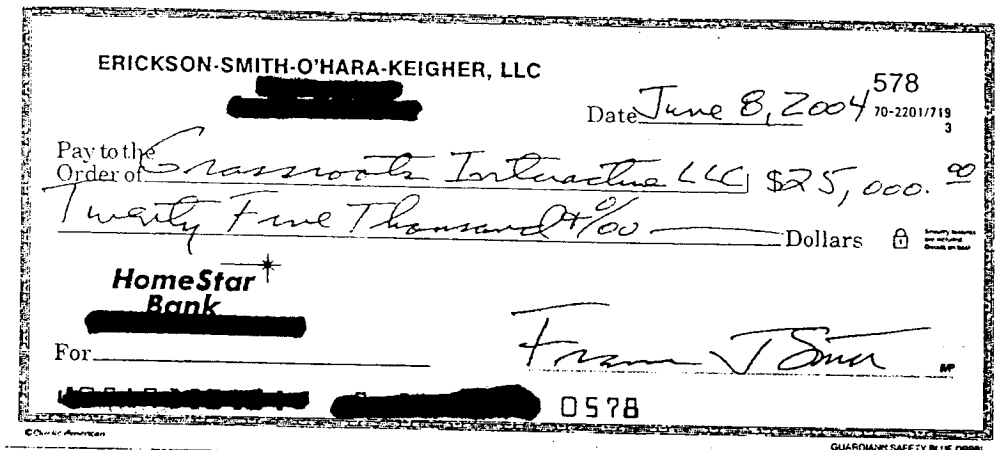

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Dear Sir or Madam:

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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 our check # 578 in the amount of $25,000.00 to return to Grassroots the $25,000.00 you sent us by mistake.

Sincerely Yours,

Erickson,Smith,O'Hara,Keigher LLC

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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.

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 politians and gain Muslims in America political clout. During this time Alamoudi served as an Islamic adviser to President Bill Clinton and a fundrasier 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.

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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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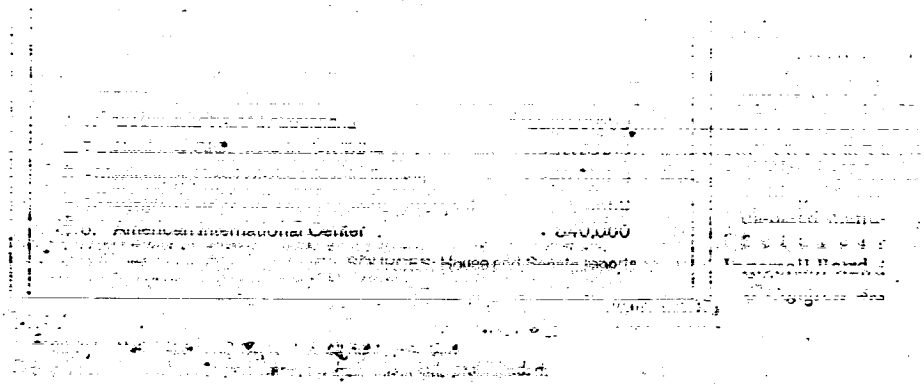

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India decided to give its $50,000-a-month contract to Akin Gump, rather than stick with Piper Rudnick, citing concern that more attrition may lie ahead. Merrigan argues, however, that his firm's work with foreign-government clients remains strong.

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, Liipfert 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 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.

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THE TOP-10 LOBBYING FIRMS

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

LOBBYING FIRM	2002 REVENUES	2001 REVENUES	% CHANGE
1. Cassidy & Associates	28,900,000	33,000,000	-12
2. Patton Boggs	26,340,000	23,500,000	12
3. Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld	22,180,000	19,200,000	16
4. Piper Rudnick	20,150,000	19,390,000	4
5. Greenberg Traurig	17,600,000	16,400,000	7
6. Van Scoyoc Associates	16,910,000	13,400,000	26
7. Barbour, Griffith & Rogers	12,760,000	12,300,000	4
8. Williams & Jensen	12,260,000	10,900,000	12
9. Washington Council Ernst & Young	12,090,000	12,000,000	1
10. Hogan & Hartson	10,690,000	8,217,000	30

SOURCES: House and Senate reports

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

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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.
-----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[redacted]
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[redacted] [mailto:abramoffj[redacted]
Sent: Monday, February 23, 2004 10:45 AM
To: candace[redacted]
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[redacted]
Sent: Monday, February 23, 2004 12:25 PM
To: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)
Cc: Gibson, Duane R. (Shld-DC-Gov/Adm)

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]

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-tirbe 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 shcehding, 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

[redacted]