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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2005

U.S. SENATE,  
COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
*Washington, DC.*

The committee met, pursuant to notice, at 10 a.m. in room 216, Senate Hart Building, Hon. John McCain (chairman of the committee) presiding.

Present: Senators McCain, Dorgan, and Inouye.

### **STATEMENT OF HON. JOHN MCCAIN, U.S. SENATOR FROM ARIZONA, CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS**

The CHAIRMAN. Good morning.

As part of its investigation on Indian lobbying misconduct, the committee has tried to follow the money, in particular money that Jack Abramoff had his tribal clients pay various entities. Among the entities that Mr. Abramoff had his clients pay was a sizable sum to was an organization called the Council of Republicans for Environmental Advocacy, commonly known as the CREA.

We have with us here today Italia Federici, the president of the CREA. Evidence in the committee's possession shows that Mr. Abramoff directed at least four of his tribal clients to contribute no less than \$250,000 to the CREA from 2001 through 2003. In total, Mr. Abramoff may have had his clients contribute as much as \$400,000 to the CREA. The question is why. Documents suggest that Mr. Abramoff was having his tribal clients pay so much because he perceived that Ms. Federici would help him get inside information about and possibly influence tribal issues pending at Interior.

In connection with the contribution of the CREA from at least one of his tribal clients, Mr. Abramoff described the CREA as "the Secretary's main group outside of the department," and according to internal business communications between Mr. Abramoff and his associates, Mr. Abramoff believed that Ms. Federici had "juice" at Interior and deemed her "critical" to his tribal lobbying practice.

As I stated at the last hearing, there is no evidence that Secretary Norton knew, much less sanctioned, Mr. Abramoff or anyone else using her name in seeking fees and donations from Native Americans. What we do know is that Mr. Abramoff directed his clients to pay hundreds of thousands of dollars to the CREA, clients upon whom he relied for millions of dollars in Federal lobbying revenue to Greenberg Traurig for his secret "gimme five" partnership income through Michael Scanlon for contributions to run his Jew-

ish boys school in Maryland, and for personal income to float his restaurants.

Why did Mr. Abramoff direct his valued clients to contribute so much to the CREA, unless it somehow served his purpose? What role did the CREA or Ms. Federici have in facilitating contacts between Mr. Abramoff and Interior officials about pending tribal issues? Did Ms. Federici in fact have "juice" at Interior, or did she only say that to have Mr. Abramoff's clients induced into donating hundreds of thousands of dollars to her organization, CREA?

As we sit here today, we do not know the answers to these questions. I hope Ms. Federici's testimony today, coupled with the testimony we received at the last hearing and the documents the committee has released, will begin to illuminate this important part of the puzzle. I ask for unanimous consent that all documents and information that the vice chairman and I have agreed should be made a part of today's hearing be made.

Senator DORGAN. Without objection.

**STATEMENT OF HON. BYRON L. DORGAN, U.S. SENATOR FROM NORTH DAKOTA, VICE CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS**

Senator DORGAN. Mr. Chairman, thank you very much.

This will be the last hearing of this committee on this subject during this calendar year at least, and I wanted to make a couple of comments about not only this hearing, but future activities dealing with these investigations.

First of all, this inquiry would not exist without, Mr. Chairman, your determination to find out what has happened here and whether Indian tribes have been defrauded, who has been involved. And you have launched this investigation. We on the minority side have worked closely with you, and I admire very much the tenacity with which you have been willing to have this committee to investigate. I think it is very important.

We have uncovered almost unbelievable things here, and we have uncovered activities that are pretty disgusting, some perhaps criminal, and many unethical. I think that from these hearings will come a series of ideas for changes and reform and so on. But I did want to say that this would not have happened without your launching this investigation.

We have had a number of hearings that have investigated in a stovepipe fashion. How, tribe by tribe, money was moved through Mr. Abramoff and Mr. Scanlon and through other groups as well. It was an appropriate way to proceed. There is one additional tribe that we have not considered, Pueblo Sandia Tribe. I believe we should consider them and I have made such a recommendation.

I believe \$2.7 million was provided in two checks by the Pueblo Sandia Tribe to Mr. Scanlon's company, capital campaign. It is my hope that as we proceed that we will take a look at what the purpose of that money was, where that money went, and so on. That is very important because that is another part of this. In fact, the Pueblo Sandia was a tribe that was originally discussed as the committee began its investigation.

Second, Mr. Chairman, we do not at this point have a schedule for a future hearing. It is my hope that we will have a future hear-

ing on this investigation. I believe there are some witnesses, which I have visited with you about, who have not yet been interviewed by our investigators. I should not say "witnesses." There are a list of people who have not been interviewed by our investigators who I believe should be interviewed by our investigators. From those interviews, I believe we should make a decision on a future hearing.

The question of a future hearing would depend on what we learn from witnesses, but there are those, or I should say "persons" once again, there are those whose names show up in many, many places in all four of these tribes that we have so far looked at and I believe there are a group of people that really need to be interviewed by our investigators and I have made such a recommendation.

Following that, I think we should decide from what we learn in those future interviews by our investigators, the nature of or the determination of whether we should have a future hearing. It is my belief that we will need another hearing with additional witnesses.

Finally, Mr. Chairman, we have received, as you know, the letter from the Finance Committee asking for all of the information that we have gleaned on 501(c)(3) and (c)(4) organizations through which we have learned substantial money has moved, in most cases it appears for the purpose of obscuring the identity of such money. A substantial amount of money has moved through a number of organizations that are so-called non-profits, (c)(3)s and (c)(4)s. The request from the Finance Committee to further investigate requests us to provide all relevant information that we have gleaned through subpoenas on the potential use and misuse of these 501(c)(3) and (c)(4) organizations.

We are in the process with our staffs of putting this information together and to transmit that at some future point to the Finance Committee. We will need to make a decision on the disclosure of that information. As I have indicated to you, my hope is that we will put it on a website and disclose it to the public, as we disclose it to the Senate Finance Committee, while we meet their request.

One significant part of this investigation, Mr. Chairman, that has caused me some real concern is the misuse of tax-exempt organizations, non-profit organizations. We will talk a little about that today, in fact, with the organization that is going to be discussed through the witness, Italia Federici. I really believe that there seems to be, at least it is apparent to me, that there seems to be substantial misuse of these organizations.

It is appropriate that the Finance Committee has asked for all of that information with which to continue an investigation. My hope is that as we transmit that information, that we will be able to make that public.

Having said all of that, Mr. Chairman, this hearing occurs because we were not able to serve a subpoena on Ms. Federici prior to the previous hearing. We had a witness list for the previous hearing and Ms. Federici was on the witness list. My understanding is that those who were trying to serve a subpoena on this witness were unable to do so.

So you indicated at that hearing we would have a separate hearing. She would be the sole witness, and that is the occasion that brings us together today. I am guessing that neither of us would

prefer to be here. We would have preferred that she had accepted the subpoena and come to the previous hearing, but that was not the case so today we will ask questions and inquire about the specifics of something called CREA, the tribal money that flowed through CREA, the issue of whether there was influence-peddling or the circumstances of relationships with people in the Department of the Interior, and try to evaluate what this means.

Mr. Chairman, thank you very much.

The CHAIRMAN. Thank you very much, Senator Dorgan. It has been a great privilege for me to serve on this committee for a long time, and with you. The reason why we have the title of chairman and vice chairman is because of our commitment that we have always adhered to of conducting our business here in a nonpartisan fashion. I appreciate all of the very cooperative work that we have enjoyed together.

On the issue of the Pueblo Sandia, I agree with you. I will ask our investigators to look into it. Our staffs will be working together in preparation of a report. I think it is important to make clear that if there are other allegations of mistreatment of Native Americans, it is our obligation to continue to conduct our oversight responsibilities. So I continue to appreciate the way that we have worked together for many years and I believe that one of the reasons why these hearings have been as productive as they have is because of the partnership that we have maintained.

Ms. Federici, I don't very often ask for a witness to be sworn in, but given your published statements about this committee and the things that you have said and done, I am going to ask you to stand and raise your right hand.

[Witness sworn.]

The CHAIRMAN. Thank you very much.

Ms. FEDERICI. Senator, I would like to just correct your statement. I have never made any untoward public statements about this committee.

The CHAIRMAN. Excuse me, in your deposition, statements that you made about me personally, and I will be glad to quote from your deposition if you would like.

Ms. FEDERICI. You may do that.

The CHAIRMAN. Now, if you would like to make an opening statement, please go ahead.

**STATEMENT OF ITALIA FEDERICI, PRESIDENT, COUNCIL OF  
REPUBLICANS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCACY**

Ms. FEDERICI. Okay. Well, I had not prepared an opening statement. I came here to answer the committee's questions. My organization, the Council of Republicans for Environmental Advocacy, has existed since 1997, long before we ever met Jack Abramoff.

And I have read with great interest about some of the accusations of moving money or money laundering that have been made in the press regarding 501(c)(3)s and 501(c)(4)s. Through our multiple document productions to Mr. Carrillo and to the committee, through my voluntary deposition, which by the way was open-ended. My attorney will tell you I was willing to come as many days and be deposed by the committee as need be. The committee determined that I had been fully forthcoming after 3 hours.



I also volunteered, as my letter of October 26 notes, to attend a hearing on October 26. During all of that voluntary and cooperative interaction with the committee, I have repeatedly attested that no money moved through the Council of Republicans for Environmental Advocacy, nor was one penny, to the best of my recollection and I have worked to refresh my recollection, spent from our account on an Indian tribal matter.

We were very grateful for the generous support of the Native American community and I continue to be grateful for their generous support, but I am absolutely steadfast in my assertion that we raised money from a legal group of individuals. We spent it on our environmental mission, and we never said or did one untoward thing to any Native Americans.

So it is disheartening to me to sit here and to have my good name and the name of my organization painted with the same broad brush that Jack Abramoff and Michael Scanlon and other folks involved with this matter have been painted.

So, and I have my letter here. I did not have a subpoena on October 26, Vice Chairman Dorgan. This letter was actually sent to Senator McCain's staff. So I do not know if you have a copy of this letter, but I would just like to read it into the record. I would just like the record to reflect that I did not have a subpoena when this letter was written and that the committee subpoenaed me after I had left for my trip and after this letter had been received.

October 26, 2005. Dear Mr. Carrillo, As you are aware, I responded 2 weeks ago that I would accept the committee's invitation to participate in a hearing scheduled for October 26, 2005. I also voluntarily made myself available to answer the committee's questions via a deposition on October 7, 2005. Both of these events caused me to clear my schedule and to alter previously planned trips.

The committee's last minute rescheduling of the October 26 hearing to November 2, 2005 makes my participation impossible. November 2 is the anniversary of my father's death and I will be out of town.

I thank the committee for its understanding. Should you or the committee have additional questions, please contact Mr. Scheininger and he will be happy to assist. Respectfully, Italia Federici.

And thank you. I am happy to answer the committee's questions today.

The CHAIRMAN. Thank you very much.

I do not want to get sidetracked on this issue of the subpoena, Ms. Federici, but we have a very different version of events. Our staff called your lawyer and asked him whether Ms. Federici would be out of town because it was the anniversary of your father's death. He said he could not make that representation. He had no more information than what was contained in the letter that you just wrote.

Our staff asked your lawyer to provide any additional information that we needed to have, and that this be done in time for the hearing. We asked your lawyer to indicate whether he was authorized to accept service of a subpoena by the close of business, and he failed to do either. In fact, up until last week, the committee heard nothing from you or your lawyer.

On October 28, the committee obtained the assistance of the U.S. Marshals, which had been looking for you. I understand that your colleague at CREA, Jared Carpenter was notably unhelpful to the marshals.

On November 1, I informed your lawyer that if for whatever reasons you did not appear at the November 2 hearing, the committee would reconvene at its nearest convenience and conduct a hearing for you. We still did not get any response. You did not appear at the hearing. The vice chairman and I agreed to conduct another hearing.

It goes on. The fact is, you failed when asked to provide the committee with information necessary for the committee to determine whether the explanation you cited for not appearing last time was in fact reasonable. But you are here, and more importantly, you can, I understand your statement, and unfortunately I do not think it bears much relation with reality.

Let's stick to the facts, the facts which explain which why we are here today. The committee has information that over a 3-year period, Mr. Abramoff had some of his tribal clients donate hundreds of thousands of dollars to your organization. During the same period, you repeatedly, and we have documents to authenticate this, you repeatedly told Mr. Abramoff when asked that you would pass along information to and get inside information from the Department of the Interior about issues important to his clients.

Mr. Abramoff, and I will cite you e-mails, believed you had "juice" at the Department of the Interior and he told colleagues that you were critical to his lobbying practice. In some instances, you did pass along information between Mr. Abramoff and then-Deputy Secretary Griles, but you told committee investigators that more often you did not.

The question we will explore is did you exchange your access to Interior, mainly your relationship with Mr. Griles, for contributions to the CREA? If so, why? And did Mr. Griles know that? Did you tell Mr. Abramoff that you ended up not doing a lot of what you said you would? If not, why not? And if so, what did he tell his clients to induce them into donating so much to the CREA? Were their contributions a product of deception?

And that is why we are here today. So, Ms. Federici, in front of you is a file of documents that I would like you to look at and refer to so you can respond to questions.

Please refer to exhibit 49. Exhibit No. 49, as you are looking it up, is an e-mail from Mr. Abramoff to you dated September 4, 2002. It is entitled "Tigua Water Issue." Here, Mr. Abramoff provides you with a summary on a policy issue related to the Tigua Tribe, one of Mr. Abramoff's clients who contributed at least \$50,000 to the CREA. In this e-mail, Mr. Abramoff says to you, "this sums it up. Thanks for all that you do for my clients, the cause and me personally." What did you do for Mr. Abramoff's clients, Ms. Federici?

Exhibit follows:

**From:** Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov) [mailto:jack@wcd.com] on behalf of Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 04, 2002 2:08 PM  
**To:** 'Rafael Federici'  
**Subject:** Tigua water issue

This sums it up. Thanks for all you do for my clients, the cause and me personally. Regards,

The Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo (Tiguas) faces a possible loss of significant land claim rights through circumstances beyond its control. Prompt intervention by the Department of the Interior would prevent this from happening. The circumstances arise from a matter of which you may be cognizant as the Chairperson of the Water Rights Working Group.

**Current Situation:** A stream adjudication for the Rio Grande River from Fort Duhman to the New Mexico state line is now before the Texas Natural Resources Commission. The United States Government, as title holder to the Ysleta del Sur trust lands, is a party to this proceeding, but the Tribe is not. Under Texas law, the Commission may decide matters collateral to the water rights, which in this case could and probably will include the land claim. The Commission's adjudication of the land claim would be prejudicial to the tribe's ultimately prevailing on its very strong land claim. The federal government has already attempted to stay the water rights adjudication unsuccessfully in a case that has gone up to the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals.

**Ysleta del Sur Land Claim:** Ysleta del Sur was founded in 1682 near El Paso. In 1751 the King of Spain made a grant to the Indians of Ysleta pueblo of one league of land, thirty six square miles. The grant was protected by the Spanish and Mexican governments and subsequently recognized by the State of Texas in the 1854 Ysleta Relief Act.

After the Americans took over in 1848, land speculators stole much of the Tigua land from them. The State of Texas subsequently ignored the Tigua's Spanish land grant and title to the land. Much of present day El Paso is built on land taken from the Tigua.

The Albuquerque BIA office is looking at the land claim, but appears to be operating on the assumption that there is no urgency to come to a conclusion. We believe their preliminary assessment is very favorable.

The water rights issue is being handled by Chris Rich in the Salt Lake City DOI Solicitor's Office; he is preparing motions to contest the Commission's jurisdiction, but we question whether this will be effective given our perception that the Commission will find against Indians regardless of the issue. The Commission may well know the significance of what they are doing as it might apply to the land claim, which covers a significant portion of the City of El Paso.

**Recommended Solution:** The U.S. Government needs to institute federal court land claim litigation on behalf of the Tiguas as soon as possible. If the land claim were in the process of being adjudicated in federal court, there would be a stronger argument for that federal court to stay the proceedings in the Texas administrative stream/water rights proceeding pending the outcome of the land claim adjudication.

The Ysleta del Sur Pueblo was forced to close its casino because of legal proceedings instituted by the State of Texas to enforce a provision of federal law prohibiting gaming by the Pueblo, which provision the State had insisted on as a condition of federal recognition of the Pueblo. If the State now succeeds in prejudicing the Pueblo's land claim, the Pueblo will have been deprived on its last means of achieving economic independence.

Ms. FEDERICI. Well, I think that we have a different perception of this e-mail. I think that quite clearly here, Mr. Abramoff separates out what I do for the cause, which is my work with the Council of Republicans for Environmental Advocacy, from what I do for him personally.

The CHAIRMAN. I am interested not so much for the cause. I am interested in what you do for your clients and him personally. What did you do for Mr. Abramoff's clients?

Ms. FEDERICI. I believe that for Mr. Abramoff's clients, who were donors to CREA, that we provided excellent environmental advocacy, consistent with our mission. We invited them to participate in all of our CREA events.

The CHAIRMAN. The e-mail refers to the Tigua water issue, Ms. Federici, not to what you do for their clients.

Ms. FEDERICI. Senator, I get a lot of unsolicited e-mail and I am helpful to all of my friends. If on September 4, 2002 for some reason Jack Abramoff wanted to share with me this issue, and I told him I would take a look at it, I don't see how that has anything to do with fraud or with non-profit abuse.

The CHAIRMAN. Okay, then we will get a little more specific. According to e-mails obtained by the committee, I would like for you to look at exhibit No. 52 please. It appears you served as a liaison between Mr. Abramoff and then-Deputy Secretary Steven Griles about matters affecting Mr. Abramoff's clients. Let me review some of them. Exhibit 52, on September 24, 2002, Mr. Abramoff asked

you to talk to Mr. Griles about a "Tigua water issue." You responded, "I am calling right now."

[Exhibit follows:]

Italia Federici

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From: abramoff [redacted]  
 Sent: Tuesday, October 01, 2002 1:16 PM  
 To: Italia [redacted]  
 Subject: FW: Tigua water issue

Did you ever hear anything about this one?

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

From: Italia Federici [mailto:Italia [redacted]]  
 Sent: Tuesday, September 24, 2002 5:21 PM  
 To: abramoff [redacted]  
 Subject: RE: Tigua water issue

I am calling right now

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

From: abramoff [redacted] [mailto:abramoff [redacted]]  
 Sent: Tuesday, September 24, 2002 4:02 PM  
 To: Italia [redacted]  
 Subject: Tigua water issue

Hi Italia. I know Steve is totally under the gun, but is there any way you could find out about the Tigua water issue? He said he'd have someone look into that and they are getting desperate. Thanks so much.

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Ms. FEDERICI. Mr. Abramoff indicates to me in this e-mail, and I did not have any independent corroboration, that Steve told him that Steve would have someone look into that and the Tigua were getting desperate. Now, I had no reason in 2002 to believe that Mr. Abramoff was anything other than a truthful, friendly, charismatic, well-liked, and well-respected Republican activist in Washington. And he sent me an e-mail where he made a representation to me that he had a conversation with Mr. Griles and that the Tigua were getting desperate about a water issue.

The CHAIRMAN. Did you call?

Ms. FEDERICI. What kind of a person gets an e-mail where somebody says a Native American community is desperate about a water issue and then shoots back, you know, go pound sand. I mean, of course—

The CHAIRMAN. Ms. Federici, I would like for you to respond to the question. Did you call, Ms. Federici?

Ms. FEDERICI. I do not know whether I called or not, but as you can see—

The CHAIRMAN. Even though you say in the e-mail “I am calling right now.”

Ms. FEDERICI. As I told your committee repeatedly throughout my deposition, and I have been very strident and consistent on this point, Steve Griles was the Chief Operating Officer as the Deputy Secretary of the Interior. He traveled. He gave speeches. He went to meetings. He was a very busy man. I attempted to reach Steve many more times than I actually did. I can’t have stated that enough in my deposition.

The CHAIRMAN. You do not recall whether you called or not?

Ms. FEDERICI. Well, apparently, if I said I was going to call, I called. But if I did not get him, then I did not get him. A week later, Mr. Abramoff says you never responded to me. So again, these are e-mails that are 3 years old, but it is not Mr. Abramoff asking me to do his bidding. And I don’t indicate whether or not I reached Steve. I am happy—

The CHAIRMAN. I think that “his bidding,” Ms. Federici, was for you to talk to Mr. Griles about a Tigua water issue and you responded that you were calling right now.

Ms. FEDERICI. You know what, Senator, I am proud—

The CHAIRMAN. Ms. Federici, I would very much appreciate it if you would specifically answer the questions.

Ms. FEDERICI. —of myself. I am proud of myself for having been personally helpful to a friend who had desperate clients.

The CHAIRMAN. As a witness before this committee, Ms. Federici, I expect you to answer the questions. There is such a thing as contempt of Congress if you do not answer the questions. If you chose to take the fifth amendment, that is your right. Otherwise, answer the questions. Okay? That is the last time I am going to warn you about it.

Now, did you call him or not? Do you recall whether you called or not?

Ms. FEDERICI. I absolutely have no recollection.

The CHAIRMAN. That is the answer to the question. Thank you.

Ms. FEDERICI. If I told Jack that I was going to call, I would have.

The CHAIRMAN. On exhibit 56, now, I want to caution you again, Ms. Federici, I want answers to the questions. I do not want a filibuster. Exhibit 56, an e-mail dated December 4, 2002 entitled “Gun Lake Indian Tribe Casino.” Mr. Abramoff complains to you about developments relating to this tribe and conveys to you a strategy regarding the tribe’s environmental impact report to shut down the tribe’s land and trust application. You respond, “I will call ASAP to Steve Griles.” Also in exhibit 57, dated December 6, 2002, entitled “Gun Lake, New Hope for Gun Lake Casino,” Mr. Abramoff

urges you, "this is what we have to stop." You respond, "Seeing him at 4 p.m. today."

[Exhibits follow:]

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From: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov) [mailto:jack@woc.com] on behalf of Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
 Sent: Wednesday, December 04, 2002 10:16 AM  
 To: Italia Federici  
 Subject: RE: Gun Lake Indian tribe casino

My pleasure. The important part is that Steve clearly understands what a great friend he has in you. He is a great guy and we need to make sure he is always protected. As for the acting AS, let me think on it today.

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

From: Italia Federici [mailto:italia@woc.com]  
 Sent: Wednesday, December 04, 2002 10:23 AM  
 To: abramoffj  
 Subject: RE: Gun Lake Indian tribe casino

I will call him asap. Also, Aurene (spelling?) is not going to be selected for the job being vacated by McCaleb. They will appoint an acting temporarily. He asked for names and I told him about Tim Martin but that you thought they needed someone with real stature. He agreed. If you have any other names let me know. The other issue about the tribe in California has been headed off. He looked into it and it is being handled. All lines of communication are being shut off. A BIG thankyou to you!

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

From: abramoffj [mailto:abramoffj@woc.com]  
 Sent: Wednesday, December 04, 2002 10:15 AM  
 To: italia  
 Subject: Fw: Gun Lake Indian tribe casino

Hi. This is a disaster in the making. This is the casino we discussed with Steve and he said that it would not happen. It seems to be happening! The way to stop it is for Interior to say they are not satisfied with the Environmental Impact Report. Can you get to him to stop this one asap? they are moving fast. Thanks Italia. This is a direct assault on our guys, Saginaw Chippewa.

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

From: Chris [mailto:cpetras@woc.com]  
 Sent: Wednesday, December 04, 2002 7:28 AM  
 To: abramoffj  
 Subject: Gun Lake Indian tribe casino

Just a quick heads-up that the Detroit News has an article on Gun Lake's proposed casino project and how the public comment period on their environmental study is the last step before approval.

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Italia Federici

From: abramoffj  
 Sent: Friday, December 06, 2002 9:24 AM  
 To: italia  
 Subject: RE: Gun Lake: New Hope For Gun Lake Casino - Fox News

Thanks.

-----Original Message-----  
 From: Italia Federici [mailto:italia  
 Sent: Friday, December 06, 2002 9:09 AM  
 To: abramoffj  
 Subject: RE: Gun Lake: New Hope For Gun Lake Casino - Fox News

seeing him at 4pm today

-----Original Message-----  
 From: abramoffj [mailto:abramoffj  
 Sent: Friday, December 06, 2002 9:02 AM  
 To: italia  
 Subject: RE: Gun Lake: New Hope For Gun Lake Casino - Fox News

This is what we have to stop.

-----Original Message-----  
 From: Pierce, Brigham (AsstDir-DC-Gov/Adm)  
 Sent: Friday, December 06, 2002 8:45 AM  
 To: DCSginaw  
 Subject: Gun Lake: New Hope For Gun Lake Casino - Fox News

New Hope For Gun Lake Casino

December 5, 2002

WAYLAND -- There's another push to get the state to sign on to a controversial casino. A resolution will be introduced on Thursday in the House urging Governor Engler to reach a deal with the Gun Lake Band of Pottawatomi Indians, clearing the way for a casino in Wayland.

The same kind of resolution was debated in July 2001, but it lost by one vote. Lawmakers are expecting a similar battle this time around.

Some state lawmakers says time is running out to get a casino compact because so many are getting ready to leave office.

Representative Larry DeVuyst (R) is behind this resolution for a casino in Wayland and the one last year. But he thinks it's different this time around-the Gun Lake tribe is closer to getting the land declared an Indian Reservation.

DeVuyst thinks that will encourage more 'yes' votes, but West Michigan Republicans point out it's still far from a done deal.

They defeated the resolution last time and intend to do so again.

We're going through and targeting each member of the house to find out whether their position has changed," Rep. Wayne Kuipers (R) told FOX 17 News.

Casino opponents believe they still have enough 'no' votes. But there is concern about the timing and there's also a question of who is behind this late push.

DeVuyst says the tribe approached him, but some have wondered if the Governor is also involved to make sure the state gets a share of the profits. Engler has ties to three businessmen investing in the casino.

"I have not talked directly with the Governor, but I do believe he has made a statement that we do need a compact now," DeVuyst says. "The fact I believe he's supporting this is encouragement.

A spokesperson for Engler told FOX 17 News she isn't aware of any push from the Governor on this issue.

The Gun Lake Tribe didn't want to comment on these new developments.

The casino will likely be up for a vote next week. A similar resolution was introduced in the Senate yesterday, but it will only be discussed there if it passes in the House on Thursday.

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Now, do you recollect whether you called Steve Griles ASAP as indicated by your response in exhibit 56?

Ms. FEDERICI. Senator, where I do not have any independent recollection.

The CHAIRMAN. What about in exhibit 57, where you respond, "seeing him at 4 p.m. today." Did you see him at 4 p.m. that day?

Ms. FEDERICI. I would have no way of knowing whether or not I actually saw Steve or the meeting was canceled.

The CHAIRMAN. You have no recollection of a meeting you might have had with a top official at the Department of the Interior?

Ms. FEDERICI. He was an 11 year friend of mine, or 10 year friend of mine.

The CHAIRMAN. But you would not remember if you had a meeting with him or not?

Ms. FEDERICI. No; Steve Griles and I have been friends since 1997.

The CHAIRMAN. The length of your friendship is not to important to this conversation. What is important is whether you would re-



member or not whether you had a meeting at 4 p.m. on December 6, 2002 with Mr. Steve Griles.

Ms. FEDERICI. How would I remember that?

The CHAIRMAN. Most people do remember when they have a meeting with high-ranking officials of the Administration. That is how you would remember it.

Ms. FEDERICI. Well, Senator, I do not recall if I saw Steve or did not see Steve at 4 p.m. on December 6, 2002.

The CHAIRMAN. Do you keep records of appointments that you make?

Ms. FEDERICI. Not consistently. I do not keep a day-timer or anything like that.

The CHAIRMAN. Please turn to exhibit 72, dated March 6, 2003, entitled "Saginaw Chippewa Tribe School Cost Share." Here, Mr. Abramoff asked you "if you can call Steve on this." You respond, "Got it."

Ms. FEDERICI. Senator, Where? I am sorry.

The CHAIRMAN. Exhibit 72.

Ms. FEDERICI. Okay. Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN. Exhibit 72, March 6, 2003, entitled "Saginaw Chippewa Tribe, School Cost Share." Here, Mr. Abramoff asked you, "if you can call Steve on this." You respond, "Got it." Do you recall communicating with Mr. Griles in response to the March 6, 2003 e-mail?

[Exhibit follows:]

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**From:** Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov) [mailto:jack@wdc/cn=Recipients/cn=abramoff] on behalf of Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 06, 2003 9:30 PM  
**To:** 'Italia Federici'  
**Subject:** RE: Saginaw Chippewa Tribe -- School Cost Share

Thanks.

-----Original Message-----  
**From:** Italia Federici [mailto:italia@wdc/cn=Recipients/cn=abramoff]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 06, 2003 8:07 PM  
**To:** Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
**Subject:** RE: Saginaw Chippewa Tribe -- School Cost Share

got it...

-----Original Message-----  
**From:** abramoffj [mailto:abramoffj@wdc/cn=Recipients/cn=abramoff]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 06, 2003 4:25 PM  
**To:** italia@wdc/cn=Recipients/cn=abramoff  
**Subject:** FW: Saginaw Chippewa Tribe -- School Cost Share

Please let me know if you can call Steve on this. Thanks so much Italia!

-----Original Message-----  
**From:** Boulanger, Todd (Dir-DC-Gov)  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 06, 2003 4:25 PM  
**To:** 'Italia Federici'  
**Cc:** Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
**Subject:** Saginaw Chippewa Tribe -- School Cost Share

Below is an email from our client, the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe in Michigan. As you can see, BIA is dragging it's feet with regard to the cost share program. If it wasn't for the Saginaw, the program wouldn't even exist and now the BIA needs to have a meeting to discuss the implications of the language because they don't think the Saginaw are eligible for the money because they currently don't operate a BIA school and/or are not on the school construction priority list.

Well, the language we included in the bill made no reference to either BIA control or the priority list. I know this because I wrote it. We also included a colloquy with Senator Stabenow and Senator Burns clarifying the Saginaw were responsible for this.

We're really going to need someone from the top down to tell Aurene Martin (who hasn't been hostile at all) that this money is going to the Saginaw, period. Your thoughts?

--Todd

\*Just spoke with Dr. Ken Ross at BIA New Mexico office. He indicated concerns he has over the school cost-share legislation, which he interprets no Tribes can receive the money if they were not on the September 1996 BIA schools list. Therefore, he does not believe the Tribe is eligible. Dr. Ross indicated that he is meeting with Aurene Martin and the BIA legal counsel next Tuesday to discuss the program. He wants to create criteria and had concerns about equity. Boyd Robinson of the same office indicated yesterday that he knows of other Tribes interested in the construction funds. Ross will not send any forms for the monies until after he obtains legal counsel from BIA. \*

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Ms. FEDERICI. No; and I think that if I recall correctly my response "got it" was a dismissive, I do not necessarily plan to take any action on that; just e-mail received. If you did not respond to Jack's e-mails, he would call and call and call and e-mail and e-mail and e-mail until he knew that you had received what he wanted you to receive.

The CHAIRMAN. That fact that you have been friends with Mr. Griles, it seems to me, we are not talking about friendship; we are talking about official communications concerning substantive issues here. So I am puzzled why you would not remember, for example, a 4-p.m. meeting on a certain date, not on a social visit, but on a specific issue affecting Native Americans.

Ms. FEDERICI. Senator, I would not have scheduled, I think there is a misunderstanding I would like to clarify.

The CHAIRMAN. Okay.

Ms. FEDERICI. I believe my response to seeing him at 4 p.m. today was that I was telling Mr. Abramoff that I had already had a previously scheduled appointment or meeting, and considering the timeframe in December, maybe that was around the Department of the Interior's Christmas party. I am not really sure. But I did not set up a special meeting to go to the Department of the Interior to raise that issue with Mr. Griles, and I can see why you would think that if I had done that, I would recall it, but I had some other reason for going to the Department of the Interior at 4 p.m. on December 6.

The CHAIRMAN. Well, I can also see why if Mr. Abramoff received that response when he asked you to address an issue with Mr. Griles and you say "I am seeing him at 4 p.m. today," I would naturally assume that that response would be indicating that you would be discussing that issue with him.

Ms. FEDERICI. I never really went into the substance of these issues with Mr. Griles.

The CHAIRMAN. You didn't?

Ms. FEDERICI. As I said in my deposition, to the best of my recollection.

The CHAIRMAN. Then look at exhibit 55. Now, exhibit 55 is an e-mail from Mr. Abramoff to you dated December 2, 2002, entitled "Jena Band, Logansport Asked to Speak on Proposed Casino." Mr. Abramoff writes, "It seems that the Jena are on the march again. If you can, can you make sure Steve squelches this again." You respond, "Thanks for the update. I will bring it up ASAP."

[Exhibit follows:]

Italia Federici

From: abramoff; [REDACTED]  
 Sent: Tuesday, December 03, 2002 1:55 AM  
 To: Italia [REDACTED]  
 Subject: RE: Jena Band: Panel, Logansport asked to speak on proposed casino - Shreveport Times

Thanks.

-----Original Message-----  
 From: Italia Federici (mailto:italia [REDACTED])  
 Sent: Monday, December 02, 2002 3:46 PM  
 To: abramoff; [REDACTED]  
 Subject: RE: Jena Band: Panel, Logansport asked to speak on proposed casino - Shreveport Times

Thanks for the update. I'll bring it up asap!

-----Original Message-----  
 From: abramoff; [REDACTED] (mailto:abramoff; [REDACTED])  
 Sent: Monday, December 02, 2002 11:53 AM  
 To: italia [REDACTED]  
 Subject: FW: Jena Band: Panel, Logansport asked to speak on proposed casino - Shreveport Times  
 Importance: High  
 It seems that the Jena are on the march again. If you can, can you make sure Steve squelches this again? thanks!!

-----Original Message-----  
 From: Short, Stephanie Leger (Assec-DC-Gov/Adm)  
 Sent: Monday, December 02, 2002 10:25 AM  
 To: DCcoushatta  
 Subject: Jena Band: Panel, Logansport asked to speak on proposed casino - Shreveport Times  
 Importance: High

We need to get a sense from BIA if possible on timing. While they don't have a compact (yet) taking the land into trust will be a huge step for them in getting the state to move on a compact. Can anyone get any intel from BIA? [REDACTED] office is looking into it as well.

Panel, Logansport asked to speak on proposed casino  
 Vickie Welborn <mailto:news [REDACTED]>  
 mailto:news [REDACTED] / The Times Mansfield Bureau  
 Posted on November 27, 2002

MANSFIELD - The DeSoto Parish Police Jury and the town of Logansport have been given 30 days to comment on the proposed land acquisition request submitted by the Jena Band of Choctaws. If taken into trust, the land just outside of Logansport would be home to a Class III casino.

The U.S. Department of Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs Eastern Regional Office in Nashville, Tenn., sent letters to both government bodies via certified mail that were received Friday. In addition to asking for comments on the proposed acquisition, the letter also requests additional information on the possible impact of removing the property from the tax base.

The Police Jury in August approved a resolution of support for the land-based casino. It would serve as the initial reservation for the Jena Band of Choctaws, which now is based in Rapides, LaSalle and Grant parishes.

Police Jury President Dwayne Mitchell plans to craft the parish's response to the letter next week. "I'm not sure how we will respond, but

we will add more comments other than providing the additional information they requested.

The letter, signed by acting deputy regional director Howard Bemer, indicates the Police Jury will be notified of the decision to approve or deny the tribe's application, but it gives no date. Mitchell said he also has not been told when to expect an answer.

"But we're still positive about it," he added.

Likewise, the town of Logansport will issue its response, which Mayor Dennis Freeman expects to be brief. Freeman said the town has little to add since the property is located outside the corporate limits.

DeSoto Parish Tax Assessor Jimmy Stephens said the parish would lose \$185 annually in property taxes currently levied on the property. The 53.8 acres is owned by H.K. Stanley's Alexandria-based Machal Inc. Stanley was the financial backer in the Jena Choctaws' effort to put a \$300 million casino in Vinton. That application was denied in March.

Logansport officials already have shown their support for the project with a resolution. Freeman said he previously indicated the town's willingness to extend gas and sewer service to the site, which is about a mile east of the corporate limits.

It's also possible, Freeman said, the town would consider annexing the property between the corporate limits and proposed casino site. The reservation land itself cannot be annexed because once it is taken into trust it will become a sovereign nation.

"I would expect we would annex out to (state Highway) 191 because that would put us in a position to service the infrastructure on any other business development in that area," Freeman said. And while other DeSoto organizations also have noted their support for the casino, opposition is mounting among governmental bodies and organizations in the Shreveport-Bossier City area. The loss of local and state tax revenue often has been cited as the reason. Indian casinos are exempt from paying state and federal taxes, unlike the riverboat casinos.

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Ms. FEDERICI. Right. And I told the committee staff during my deposition that I did have specific recollections of mentioning Jena and Saginaw Chippewa with Deputy Secretary Griles, but not the substance of what those issues were.

The CHAIRMAN. That is a remarkable statement.

Exhibit 39, please look at it, an e-mail from Mr. Abramoff to Michael Scanlon entitled, Mr. Abramoff says he "just got a call" from you. You apparently provided Mr. Abramoff with then-non-public information from Mr. Griles that, "as of now, Norton is going to sign the Jena deal." Do you know anything about that? In other

words, the implication in this e-mail is that you received information from Mr. Griles that was not public, that says "as of now, Norton is going to sign the Jena deal."

[Exhibit follows:]

From: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov) [mailto:jack@ou=WDC/cn=Recipients/cn=abramoff] on behalf of Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
 Sent: Friday, February 15, 2002 8:33 AM  
 To: 'Mike Scanlon'  
 Subject: RE: shit

Let me see if I can get him to do everything, and I mean everything in town for \$100K or less. Get me a list of what you think he should be doing.

-----Original Message-----  
 From: Mike Scanlon [mailto:mike@██████████]  
 Sent: Friday, February 15, 2002 9:13 AM  
 To: abramoffj@██████████  
 Subject: Re: shit

Tried calling you. All we have left is 150K if you wanna give it to him ill send it down. I'm on call if you for a while.

-----Original Message-----  
 From: abramoffj@██████████ <abramoffj@██████████>  
 To: Mike Scanlon <mike@██████████>  
 Sent: Fri Feb 15 09:18:02 2002  
 Subject: shit

I just got a call from Italia. Steve told her that, as of now, Norton is going to sign the Jena deal. We have to ratchet this up. For openers, we must get the national Christian groups going. I am going to chat with Reed and try to get a price, but we are going to have to do something. We have to turn up the heat on this. we cannot lose this. I just tried to call your cell. Can you call me asap at home?

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Ms. FEDERICI. I do not recall having had that conversation with Mr. Abramoff, Senator, but I do recall that, this goes to sort of what I said about not discussing the substance of the specific issues, but having mentioned the issue in general. The Jena issue, as I remember it, for me was that it was much more of a political problem that Jack was raising with me; that Christian conservatives and other very important grassroots constituencies and large

blocs of Republican Congressmen and Senators were very angry because they felt that they were not being heard.

I believe what I told your staff during the deposition was that my memo that I wrote to the Department of the Interior, that I addressed actually to Eric Ruff, and any of the mentions with regard to Jena would have been much more focused on, I am hearing that Christian conservative groups are really angry and that they are going to start running negative ads about Secretary Norton; it is something to do with the Jena; or I am hearing or I was shown a stack of letters signed by very large blocs of Republicans and that are saying that the doors of BIA have been closed to them, and they are not having access and getting the respect that they think that they are merited; Is anybody aware of what is happening with this Jena issue?; Is anybody talking to these people?

That is what I meant by not discussing the substance. You know, Senator, sitting here today I now know that the Jena issue was about a designation for land and it had to do with casinos. That was not my understanding of the issue 3 years ago.

The CHAIRMAN. Who are these large blocs of Congressmen and Senators, Ms. Federici? Can you give us the names?

Ms. FEDERICI. Well, groups.

The CHAIRMAN. You just said that large blocs of Congressmen and Senators.

Ms. FEDERICI. Right.

The CHAIRMAN. Who were they?

Ms. FEDERICI. Well, if you really want me to just start naming names of people I saw letters signed by?

The CHAIRMAN. Sure.

Ms. FEDERICI. Okay. Senator Grassley, Senator Stabenow. I do not know which particular Indian issues they were, but I was told——

The CHAIRMAN. We were specifically referring to the Jena issue.

Ms. FEDERICI. Okay. Well, with the Jena issue, I believe it was the Republican Policy Committee, which is sort of like your Gang of 14. It is a bloc of people. I understood that there were Senators and Congressmen who were unhappy that this was going to be taking place in their districts.

The CHAIRMAN. I am interested in knowing who those individuals were, or some of them, if there large blocs.

Ms. FEDERICI. Well, I cannot name all of the Senators or all of the Congressmen who are part of the Republican Policy Committee.

The CHAIRMAN. Can you name one of the large blocs of Senators and Congressmen?

Ms. FEDERICI. I did, the Republican Policy Committee. So if you know who is involved in that.

The CHAIRMAN. I am asking if you can name one Senator or Congressman. The Republican Policy Committee has nothing to do with the Gang of 14. Please go ahead.

Ms. FEDERICI. Well, Senator, you have all the letters.

The CHAIRMAN. Do you have any names? You just said there are large blocs of Congressman and Senators.

Ms. FEDERICI. There were.

The CHAIRMAN. Then tell me the names of them?

Ms. FEDERICI. Well, Senator, sitting here today without having notes in front of me, I cannot recall and I do not want to just sort of start throwing names out. I did give you some names of Senators and Congressmen who I said signed letters that I saw about tribal matters and who seemed to be upset. You did not like that response.

The CHAIRMAN. Did you ever provide documents to Mr. Griles that you had received from Mr. Abramoff or his associates, that is, the Jena notebook?

Ms. FEDERICI. Pardon me?

The CHAIRMAN. Did you ever provide documents to Mr. Griles that you had received from Mr. Abramoff or his associates?

Ms. FEDERICI. I cannot recall having given Mr. Griles documents. I mean, I might have shown him a newspaper article or something like that, but I did several days after the last hearing watch the hearing. The notebook I believe you are referring to appeared in November 2003. By November 2003, I do not think I communicated with Jack Abramoff for 4 months.

The CHAIRMAN. But you do not recall if you ever provided any documents that were given to you by Mr. Abramoff or his associates to Mr. Griles?

Ms. FEDERICI. I recall newspaper articles, Senator. I believe that that was somewhat covered during my deposition. They were all newspaper articles that I was shown.

The CHAIRMAN. All you did was provide newspaper articles, nothing more?

Ms. FEDERICI. Not that I can recall, and I haven't had anybody show me anything to refresh my memory otherwise.

The CHAIRMAN. Exhibit 64, Ms. Federici, an e-mail dated January 21, 2003 entitled, "Intel from Department of the Interior BIA." Mr. Abramoff asked you if there is "any way to find out when and how the BIA will respond to a letter from Governor Foster about a new Jena casino." You respond, "Thanks, Jack. I will ask about the timing and content and call you." Mr. Abramoff also reached out to you about the Jena Band's casino proposal, that is in exhibit 73. That is an e-mail dated March 9, 2003 entitled "Jena Choctaw Update." You responded, "I will call you on Monday with whatever I can find out."

[Exhibits follow:]



Italia Federici

From: abramoff@ [REDACTED]  
 Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2003 1:43 PM  
 To: italia [REDACTED]  
 Subject: RE: Intel from Dept of Int/BIA

Thanks.

-----Original Message-----  
 From: Italia Federici [mailto:italia [REDACTED]]  
 Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2003 11:05 AM  
 To: abramoff@ [REDACTED]  
 Subject: RE: Intel from Dept of Int/BIA

Thanks Jack! I will ask about the timing and content and call you...

--Italia  
 -----Original Message-----  
 From: abramoff@ [REDACTED] [mailto:abramoff@ [REDACTED]]  
 Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2003 9:20 AM  
 To: italia [REDACTED]  
 Subject: FW: Intel from Dept of Int/BIA  
 FYI - any way to find out? [REDACTED] contribution by the way. I'll have it in a week or so. I'm still working on the rest. Should be fine.

-----Original Message-----  
 From: Boulanger, Todd (Dir-DC-Gov)  
 Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2003 9:00 AM  
 To: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
 Subject: FW: Intel from Dept of Int/BIA

Can we get any intel? From our IA champion from the last compact fight.

-----Original Message-----  
 From: [REDACTED]  
 Sent: Friday, January 17, 2003 5:31 PM  
 To: [REDACTED]  
 Subject: Intel from Dept of Int/BIA  
 Foster's letter of support for the new casino was sent last Wednesday (1/9.) How long do you think that it will take for the feds to respond, how can we get warning before they respond, and how can we get that response the instant after they transmit it to Foster? Very important for our calculations as we begin to figure out a press strategy to tackle this one.

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Just spoke with Ken Ross at BIA, New Mexico. He indicated that the Interior Assistant Secretary will handle the issue and send a letter. However, Ross stated that Aurene Martin and her legal counsel shared concerns over the legal aspects. Ross stated this issue is in the hands of the Assistant Secretary.

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**Italia Federici**

From: Italia Federici [Italia [REDACTED]]  
 Sent: Sunday, March 09, 2003 11:39 AM  
 To: abramoffj [REDACTED]  
 Subject: RE: Jena Choctaw Update

Hi Jack: I will call you on Monday with whatever I can find out...

-----Original Message-----  
 From: abramoffj [REDACTED] [mailto:abramoffj [REDACTED]]  
 Sent: Sunday, March 09, 2003 10:04 AM  
 To: italia [REDACTED]  
 Subject: FW: Jena Choctaw Update

I am not sure what more you can do on this, but it seems it's crunch time on Jena.

-----Original Message-----  
 From: Short, Stephanie Leger (Assoc-DC-Gov/Adm)  
 Sent: Friday, March 07, 2003 6:35 PM  
 To: Boulanger, Todd (Dir-DC-Gov); Ring, Kevin (Shld-DC-Gov); Vasell, Shawn (Dir-DC-Gov/Adm); Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
 Subject: Fw: Jena Choctaw Update

Can we find out anything from inside BIA on timing?  
 Stephanie Leger Short

SENCREA 10/04.000075

Ms. FEDERICI. Okay.

The CHAIRMAN. These e-mails are typical of many others we have, where Mr. Abramoff asks you to contact Mr. Griles on issues important to his clients, his clients have contribute to the CREA. And you say, "I am on it; I will get back ASAP; I will bring it up ASAP." Did you actually do the things you said you would or not?

Ms. FEDERICI. Senator, if I told Jack Abramoff that I would make a phone call, I did. But as I said before, I tried to reach Steve many more times than I actually successfully reached him.

The CHAIRMAN. Why wouldn't Mr. Abramoff just contact Mr. Griles himself?

Ms. FEDERICI. That is an excellent question.

The CHAIRMAN. Why didn't you ask him that during all these e-mails that you were receiving from him over a period of years, and

saying, "I am on it; I will get to it ASAP; Seeing him at 4 p.m. today," et cetera. Why didn't you ask him that question?

Ms. FEDERICI. Because he was a friend and a donor, and when my friends reach out to me and ask me to help them with things, I never turn around and say, why don't you just do it yourself. A lot of people ask us for assistance or for help all the time, and I would never turn to a friend and say, do it yourself, especially when you are talking about a local telephone call.

The CHAIRMAN. You didn't reach Mr. Griles or did not get done what he had asked for. Did you ever tell him that you didn't?

Ms. FEDERICI. Well, it was apparent from the numerous e-mails throughout the lifetime that I knew Jack that many things did not get answered.

The CHAIRMAN. But Ms. Federici, there is no e-mail from you that says "I didn't contact him; I didn't meet with him; I didn't get this information."

Ms. FEDERICI. Well, Senator—

The CHAIRMAN. Let me finish my question, Ms. Federici.

What is in all of these e-mails is, "You've got it; Thanks for the update; I will bring it up ASAP; I am calling right now." There is never an e-mail that says, "I did not get a hold of him; I was unable to communicate."

Ms. FEDERICI. But there are e-mails from Jack to me saying, "Why didn't you respond to my e-mail?; What is going on with this?; How come you never got back to me?; Where are we on this?; What is going on?"

There are e-mails coming from him that clearly indicate that between my e-mail back, just sitting at my computer, okay, sure, I will ask about that; thanks, Jack; send. And then a week would pass, 2 weeks would pass, however much time, repeatedly throughout these e-mails he writes back to me and says, "I didn't hear anything; what is going on?; Can you give me an update?"

The CHAIRMAN. Why didn't you just tell him? Why is there no e-mail that says, "I did not contact him; I did not get an answer; I cannot help you out.?"

Ms. FEDERICI. I was probably busy doing some of the Republican Environmental Advocacy work that I was working on.

The CHAIRMAN. I see, but you would respond by saying "I am on it" and "I will do it," but you could not respond that you were too busy to respond by saying, "I did not get a hold of him."

Ms. FEDERICI. I might have called Jack to say, you know, there are a lot of e-mails, and then I am going to call Jack to say, "Jack, I didn't reach him; I will try later." But there are plenty of e-mails to me, Senator, where Jack Abramoff, one, apologizes consistently from day one to the last day of the communication for bothering me with tribal matters, and there are also e-mails—

The CHAIRMAN. It's funny. We did not get those e-mails, and we got all of their e-mails, Ms. Federici.

Ms. FEDERICI. There are many of those e-mails.

The CHAIRMAN. Look at exhibit 81 please. Look at exhibit 81. This is April 3, 2003 between you and Mr. Abramoff entitled "Urgent Alert, DOI Proposes Policy Changes in Compact Review Process." Here, Abramoff attaches a memo on this issue, to the e-mail, and writes, "If this attached memo is correct, someone over at BIA

is doing some really odd things. Any way to see if this is something coming from the top? All of our tribes are very agitated about this one." In response, you write, "I will definitely see what I can find out. I hate to bug you, but is there any news about a possible contribution?"

Ms. FEDERICI. From a tribe for the Labor Environment—

The CHAIRMAN. Ms. Federici, I have not completed my question to you.

Ms. FEDERICI. Okay.

The CHAIRMAN. Ms. Federici, any objective observer would see that there is a clear connection between contributions to your organization and work that you would be doing on behalf of Mr. Abramoff with the Department of the Interior. I will repeat again. In response, you write, "I will definitely see what I can find out," and then you immediately go on to say, "I hate to bug you, but is there any news about a possible contribution from Redacted?"

[Exhibit follows:]

talia Federici

From: abramoffj@ [REDACTED]  
 Sent: Thursday, April 03, 2003 11:21 PM  
 To: talia@ [REDACTED]  
 Subject: RE: urgent alert - DOI Proposes Policy Change in Compact Review Process

No problem. I am pushing like mad. No check yet, but we'll get one asap.

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

From: Italia Federici [mailto:italia@ [REDACTED]]  
 Sent: Thursday, April 03, 2003 3:06 PM  
 To: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-GeV)  
 Subject: RE: urgent alert - DOI Proposes Policy Change in Compact Review Process

Hi Jack: I will definitely see what I can find out. I hate to bug you, but is there any news about a possible contribution from the [REDACTED] - LEAs launch is rapidly approaching and we are very, very committed. I pretty worried about getting everything in place. As for the good news, things are moving forward and I had a very good meeting yesterday with [REDACTED] from NRCC. He thinks LEA is great and will be extremely helpful to our guys! Thanks for all your help! --Italia

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

From: abramoffj@ [REDACTED] [mailto:abramoffj@ [REDACTED]]  
 Sent: Thursday, April 03, 2003 12:00 PM  
 To: italia@ [REDACTED]  
 Subject: FW: urgent alert - DOI Proposes Policy Change in Compact Review Process  
 Importance: High

If this attached memo is correct, someone over at BIA is doing some really odd things. Any way to see if this is something coming from the top? All our tribes are very agitated about this one. Thanks Italia.

<<4-1-03URGENT ALERT.doc>> Kevin - Per our conversation, I'll place calls as well to [REDACTED] ofc.  
 Frank Chaves  
 Director  
 Economic Development Department  
 [REDACTED]

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

From: John Harte [mailto:jharte@ [REDACTED]]  
 Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2003 5:50 PM  
 To: bassvincent@ [REDACTED]; fchaves@ [REDACTED];  
 jlcain@aol.com; james.star@ [REDACTED]; jerrinathomas@ [REDACTED];  
 miga@ [REDACTED]; jaccove@ [REDACTED];  
 lcorneil@ [REDACTED]; rthomas@ [REDACTED]; Roland Johnson  
 (Roland Johnson); ttburris@ [REDACTED]  
 Cc: John Harte  
 Subject: FW: urgent alert - DOI Proposes Policy Change in Compact Review Process  
 Importance: High

The Interior Department is considering making a drastic policy change in its

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Ms. FEDERICI. Okay, "Because the Labor Environment Alliance launch is rapidly approaching and we are very, very committed. I am worried about getting everything in place. The Labor Environment Alliance is great and will be extremely helpful to our guys. Thanks for all of your help."

Every one of my funding requests to Jack was attached to not only an environmental project, Senator, but a completed environmental project. The Labor Environment Alliance was time-consuming to organize. It was extremely successful. We traveled out of State, and we did a very successful grassroots campaign.

The CHAIRMAN. This is totally non-responsive, Ms. Federici. Is there a connection between what you say, "I will definitely see

what I can find out; I hate to bug you, but is there any news about a possible contribution." Does that appear to be that there is a quid pro quo here?

Ms. FEDERICI. No; The quid pro quo is I need the money for LEA. All I did was attach, a, "yes, Jack, I will look into that. By the way, while I am sending you an e-mail," I did not write that, I would like to attach the second thought. I mean, it just is not a natural way for someone to write. So he sent me an e-mail. I told him I would look into it, and then I attached a second unrelated thought about a contribution attached to an environmental project. An environmental project, Senator, was expensive and it was completed.

The CHAIRMAN. Well, we have many e-mails, Ms. Federici. For example, exhibit 66, an e-mail between you and Mr. Abramoff entitled, "Help." Here you ask Mr. Abramoff, "I hate to bother you with this right now; hoping to ask you about a possible contribution to CREA." It started out, Mr. Abramoff graciously responds, "We will get that moving ASAP; I will hit them immediately." But he continues, "By the way, Governor Foster just sent Gale another letter pushing a new compact he signed for Jena. Can you make sure Steve knows about this and puts the kaibosh on it? Thanks." Ms. Federici promises, "I will tell him where they are now and with whom. Thanks, Jack."

There are numerous e-mails.

[Exhibit follows:]

From: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov) [mailto:jack@wdc.com] on behalf of Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
 Sent: Thursday, January 09, 2003 4:06 PM  
 To: 'Italia Federici'  
 Subject: RE: help??!!

Absolutely. We'll get that moving asap. The Coughattas are coming to DC next Thursday so I'll hit them immediately. By the way Gov Foster (Louisiana) just sent Gale another letter pushing a new compact he signed for Jena. Can you make sure Steve knows about this and puts the kibosh on it? thanks.

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

From: Italia Federici [mailto:italia@wdc.com]  
 Sent: Thursday, January 09, 2003 3:15 PM  
 To: Jack Abramoff  
 Subject: help??!!

Hi Jack:

I hate to bother you with this right now, but I was hoping to ask about a possible contribution for CREA. As usual, we budgeted and spent all of our money from last year, on last year, and have started out the new year with practically nada. I thought I'd see if there was any way you could help us reach out to some of your folks who were so generous last year? (...and just after you praised our budgeting skills!)

Thanks Jack!  
 --Italia

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Ms. FEDERICI. I never asked Steve to put the kaibosh on anything. And Senator, I cannot tell you what was in Jack's mind. I only know what was in my mind. Jack gave me a reason for why the Native American tribes were donating to us. We were very pleased for their generous contributions. I repeatedly offered to meet with them in my capacity as CREA's president. We invited them to our events and I used their resources to complete substantive and important environmental work.

The CHAIRMAN. Did it matter to you that Mr. Abramoff was asking you to contact Mr. Griles on issues important to donors to the CREA?

Ms. FEDERICI. No; not particularly. I was responding to Jack at the time, he was a friend, in the way I would respond to any friend who had a need or a question.

The CHAIRMAN. Well, in the record, there is a continuous stream of e-mails that connect contributions to you and CREA with actions that are requested or anticipated concerning Native Americans. There is a long stream of them, and they will be in the record. Since your answers are so bizarre, I will not continue. I will let others make that judgment.

Ms. FEDERICI. Senator, am I allowed to add something quickly?

The CHAIRMAN. Sure.

Ms. FEDERICI. Okay. I did notice on the committee's website there is an e-mail, and part of this is—

The CHAIRMAN. There is a stream of e-mails, Ms. Federici.

Ms. FEDERICI. Okay, there is a stream of e-mails. I only got like one or two in before I stopped looking. There is an e-mail. I do not know the context of these e-mails. You are saying that you do not have any of the e-mails from Jack where he apologizes to me for—

The CHAIRMAN. We have all the e-mails. We just do not have the e-mails that contain the information that you claim there is. We have all the e-mails.

Ms. FEDERICI. Okay. Well, here is an example, Senator. On Thursday, March 1, 2001, there was an e-mail stream that was put up on the internet that appears to show, as it is posted, that I invited Jack to meet Secretary Norton at Julie Finley's home, and then Jack said, "wow, that would be great; thank you so much for everything; let me know if I can help you cover the costs." And it stops there. And it would create the impression in mind of anyone who did not know the circumstances that I was charging people to meet Secretary Norton. The missing part of that e-mail is the part where I say, "Thank you so much for the offer, but Julie is the hostess with the mostess, and she will not let anyone help with anything. She is great." And I turned down the contribution.

So these e-mails, if we are going to parse them individually, tend to take—

The CHAIRMAN. We are not parsing them, Ms. Federici. We have a long stream of e-mails. I did not bring up that e-mail that you are talking about because there may be some ambiguity associated with it. The fact is, there is a long stream of e-mails that show a direct connection between contributions, your relationship with Mr. Griles, and action taken by the, well, action that was taken or was attempted to be made.

Ms. FEDERICI. I do not understand why the committee doesn't—

The CHAIRMAN. I did not even mention that e-mail that you wanted mentioned. It is clear, it is clear when you mention contributions to your organization in the same e-mail on many occasions, with action that you can have taken by the Department of the Interior, there is a connection, Ms. Federici. We are releasing all of these e-mails and we will let others judge, but it is clear to me what was going on.

Senator Dorgan.

Senator DORGAN. Mr. Chairman, thank you very much.



Ms. Federici, when you came to the committee interview, you indicated on a number of occasions you felt this proceeding was a witch hunt. Can you tell us why you think this proceeding is a witch hunt?

Ms. FEDERICI. Senator, I have read in the newspaper and I have actually been told by the press that committee staff in particular are engaged in a smear campaign against me.

The CHAIRMAN. Who in the press told you that?

Ms. FEDERICI. I do not believe that he would appreciate me telling his name. It would probably preclude his ability to work with other sources. But I have read that—

Senator DORGAN. Ms. Federici, you are under oath and the chairman has asked you a question. You are suggesting that somehow someone was trying to smear you, and you have indicated—

Ms. FEDERICI. I was told that there was a narrative of a very personal nature that was being put forward from committee staff. You know, it sort of fits with—

Senator DORGAN. Ms. Federici, look, that is not what you told the committee in your deposition. You suggested this was a witch hunt for other reasons, but now that you have apparently created a reason separate from that, you want to air that out. We would be happy to find all those sources if you want to do that.

Let me just tell you my impression. I listened to your answers to Senator McCain. Here is what it looks like. Now, I come from a really small town, but I think I can spot a pretty big lie from time to time. Somebody has been lying to us. Somebody sitting at this table has been lying to us. You probably have not had a chance to hear the previous testimony, but we have witnesses that have come to this Committee that clearly have been lying. The question is who.

Now, I have listened to the line of questioning proposed by Senator McCain today. I want to tell you my impression. You should disabuse that, if you think the evidence exists to do it. You received some hundreds of thousands of dollars in contributions to an environmental organization that you headed, and those hundreds of thousands of dollars came from Indian tribes. I assume that might have been a surprise to you. I mean, to head a Republican environmental organization, then all of a sudden one day to find, remarkably, you are getting a lot of money from Indian tribes.

Ms. FEDERICI. It did not surprise me, Senator.

Senator DORGAN. Then why don't you tell me why you were not surprised.

Ms. FEDERICI. Okay.

Senator DORGAN. And tell me also how much money you received from the various Indian tribes.

Ms. FEDERICI. I would be happy to do that.

Senator DORGAN. All right.

Ms. FEDERICI. It did not surprise me because I have had a very close working relationship with Chairman Ben Nighthorse Campbell. When we founded our organization in 1997, he actually flew out to do Politically Incorrect with Bill Maher in an effort to help us get some publicity. He hosted a fundraiser with us where we did outreach to many of the same groups that are being discussed here

today. And I follow the environmental movement very closely, obviously. It is what I do.

In the year 2000, Ralph Reed ran for President of the Green Party and he selected as his running mate a Native American woman. I believe her name was Winona LaDuke. One of the things that they talked about repeatedly was that her Native American heritage gave her a wonderful respect for conservation and the environment, and the Green Party really liked that.

I thought it was a wonderful—

Senator DORGAN. Let me just correct that, because while Ralph Reed's name shows up in very many places, he would not want to be associated with your remarks.

Ms. FEDERICI. Right. I am sorry. Ralph Nader.

Senator DORGAN. We have other reasons to pose future tough questions to Mr. Reed, but he would not want to be identified with someone who ran for President on the Green Party.

Ms. FEDERICI. Right. The Green Party, yes.

But Native Americans are, I think, at least in my mind, a very generous group of individuals. In fact, I was kind of joking, we are a week from Thanksgiving, which is the quintessential holiday celebrating Native American generosity. And I believe that they are also very closely tied to the environment. So I was happy to receive money from them.

Senator DORGAN. So, I have news for you. Ben Nighthorse Campbell is not an Indian tribe. He is a Native American. He is former chairman of this committee, but he is not a tribe.

Ms. FEDERICI. Okay.

Senator DORGAN. And if you are suggesting somehow that your organization, a Republican environmental organization headed by you, is the recipient of hundreds of thousands of dollars by some act of generosity, that really strains credibility.

Let me tell you what it looks like from my standpoint. I am going to go through a series of e-mails with you. It looks to me like—

Ms. FEDERICI. Senator, can I please just to the fullest of my ability?

Senator DORGAN. Of course.

Ms. FEDERICI. I did print off some materials from the Saginaw Chippewa, from the Coushatta, and from the Choctaw website, and one piece in particular from the Saginaw Chippewa, a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe, a member, I do not want to misspeak again, named David Pago wrote a piece called "Gas Prices Hurt Indians More Than Others." I have worked for this entire relevant time period that we are discussing very hard on energy issues and issues that I feel would raise energy prices. The Choctaw Vision website, parts of it dovetail with the mission statement of the Labor Environment Alliance, including the Clean Air Act portions.

Senator DORGAN. You are welcome to submit all that for the record, Ms. Federici. I am not—

Ms. FEDERICI. But Senator, I feel like what people are saying, and I might be misunderstanding you and the chairman, and please forgive me if I am, is that it should have been blatantly obvious to me that Native Americans would not be generous or philanthropic and would not care about the environment; and it should

have been obvious to me at the time that they were making these generous contributions to my group for some third purpose.

Senator DORGAN. Ms. Federici, look, let me finish what I was going to tell you. I am going to ask you a bunch of questions about the evidence itself.

First of all, you have this organization that you head, a Republican environmental group, CREA, and you come into hundreds of thousands of dollars. And then we take a look at what your organization has been doing, a massive e-mail trail of contacts you have with Interior, with Mr. Griles, with Mr. Abramoff and so on. And it looks to me like you got paid for doing things that had nothing at all to do with your organization. That is probably for other people to investigate with some seriousness, but I want to ask you some questions about some of the evidence.

You are an environmental organization. You come into a lot of money from Indian tribes. My guess is that that money had nothing to do with generosity, or had very little to do with energy or the environment, but had a lot to do with Mr. Abramoff saying to his contacts in these tribes, "I want you to stick money into Ms. Federici's organization," and they did.

We have had testimony about that. Let me just read you some information from document 88. I'll just go through a series of them. From Abramoff to Italia, "Want to see if we can get a sense as to where we are on the following: Sac and Fox, Saginaw Chippewa school cost program; moving the Inspector General from Choctaw, Mississippi to Coushatta election; Mashpee, Jena. Thanks."

[Exhibit follows:]

(Italia Federici)

From: abramoff@ [REDACTED]  
 Sent: Sunday, June 08, 2003 1:09 PM  
 To: Italia@ [REDACTED]  
 Subject: FW: [REDACTED] letters

I hope this will satisfy what you have requested. Can you check

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(Italia Federici)

From: abramoff@ [REDACTED]  
 Sent: Monday, June 02, 2003 11:02 PM  
 To: Italia@ [REDACTED]  
 Subject: Steve

want to see if we can get a sense as to where we are on the following:

1. Sab and Fox (very important and urgent - they are now in court)
2. Saginaw Chippewa school cost share program (he got a big time letter from the chairmen of the House and Senate Interior Appropriations committees; no reaction)
3. moving the Inspector General from Choctaw, Mississippi to Coushatta election (too late since Coushatta election was Saturday, but we need to get that guy Larry still out of Choctaw)
4. Mashpee (probably nothing up there)
5. Jena (just to reconfirm that that is not moving)

Thanks,

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Ms. FEDERICI. And there is no response to that e-mail, Mr. Vice Chairman.

Senator DORGAN. Pardon me.

Ms. FEDERICI. There was no response to that e-mail.

Senator DORGAN. That is true. I am just telling you that our records are full of these things. It is full of references to the duties that you were performing for Mr. Abramoff. Those duties had to do with the term "juice" that also exists in our set of records. You had "juice." You got paid for that "juice" by having Mr. Abramoff direct funds to your organization, and you spent a lot of time in your correspondence back and forth with Mr. Abramoff about what you are doing; not about the environment; not about energy; about Jena, Mashpee, all of these issues that have to do with Mr. Abramoff.

It looks to me like you were working for Mr. Abramoff and you were getting money from Indian tribes to do it. That is what it looks to me like.

Ms. FEDERICI. But Senator, I do not know what was in Jack's mind. I only know what I was told. And I never told or was told by or had a conversation with any Native American or Native American tribe where my duties to my donors were outlined as, you know, we think you have "juice" with this, that or the other thing, or where I requested funding for something other than environmental activism.

Now, I believed at the time that the reason that Jack was giving us money is because he was a very generous Republican fundraiser. I mean, the amounts of money that, as I understand it——

Senator DORGAN. Ms. Federici, that is unbelievable.

Ms. FEDERICI. What we received from Jack were modest in comparison to some of the fundraising that he did.

Senator DORGAN. The way you describe it in this testimony is the Indian tribes are generous; Jack is generous; everybody is generous. That is unbelievable to me.

Ms. FEDERICI. That is unbelievable to me.

Senator DORGAN. You think that there are resources in this town that provide generosity to the tune of several hundred thousands of dollars, and then we take a look at what was done? Let me just ask you to look at, if you would, exhibit 56, to you from Mr. Abramoff, "The important thing is that Steve," I assume that is Mr. Griles, a friend of long-standing, "Steve clearly understands what a great friend he has in you. He is a great guy and we need to make sure he is always protected."

What do you think he needed protection from, Ms. Federici?

[Exhibit follows:]

From: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov) [/o=██████████ You=WDC/cn=Recipients/cn=abramoff] on behalf of Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
 Sent: Wednesday, December 04, 2002 10:16 AM  
 To: Italia Federici  
 Subject: RE: Gun Lake Indian tribe casino

My pleasure. The important part is that Steve clearly understands what a great friend he has in you, he is a great guy and we need to make sure he is always protected. As for the acting AS, let me think on it today.

-----Original Message-----  
 From: Italia Federici [mailto:italia.██████████]  
 Sent: Wednesday, December 04, 2002 10:23 AM  
 To: abramoffj.██████████  
 Subject: RE: Gun Lake Indian tribe casino

I will call him asap. Also, Aurene (spelling?) is not going to be selected for the job being vacated by McCaleb. They will appoint an acting temporarily. He asked for names and I told him about Tim Martin but that you thought they needed someone with real stature. He agreed. If you have any other names let me know. The other issue about the tribe in California has been headed off. He looked into it and it is being handled. All lines of communication are being shut off. A BIG thankyou to you!

-----Original Message-----  
 From: abramoffj.██████████ [mailto:abramoffj.██████████]  
 Sent: Wednesday, December 04, 2002 10:15 AM  
 To: italia.██████████  
 Subject: FW: Gun Lake Indian tribe casino

Hi. This is a disaster in the making. This is the casino we discussed with Steve and he said that it would not happen. It seems to be happening! The way to stop it is for Interior to say they are not satisfied with the Environmental Impact Report. Can you get to him to stop this one asap? they are moving fast. Thanks Italia. This is a direct assault on our guys, Saginaw Chippewa.

-----Original Message-----  
 From: Chris [mailto:cpetras.██████████]  
 Sent: Wednesday, December 04, 2002 7:28 AM  
 To: abramoffj.██████████  
 Subject: Gun Lake Indian tribe casino

Just a quick heads-up that the Detroit News has an article on Gun Lake's proposed casino project and how the public comment period on their environmental study is the last step before approval.

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Ms. FEDERICI. Well, I think I already answered that for your committee staff during the deposition. But I cannot believe that in all of the e-mails that you have that there are none of the e-mails where Jack is talking to me about how angry certain members of Congress are and that they are calling the White House, frankly; that people are upset with the Interior Department because they feel that there are problems with BIA.

I believed that Jack's conversations with me were always geared toward, hey, you know, I did not know that he was behind the effort to do the grassroots work with Ralph Reed. All Jack did was pick up the phone and call me and say, "Oh, my God, this is a disaster in the making. Ralph Reed and James Dobson are going to

run ads against Secretary Norton. You need to give those people a heads up." I never knew that.

I do not know what Jack was thinking in his mind or what he was doing. My conversations, to the extent that I would be able to reach anyone at Interior about this, was about, you know, it was political in nature, not related to the substance of the lobbying.

Senator DORGAN. Ms. Federici, who is Eric Ruff?

Ms. FEDERICI. He is the communications director at the Department of the Interior, or he was.

Senator DORGAN. This is a memo from you to Eric Ruff, exhibit No. 41, "Hi, Eric. Here are two articles that were forwarded to me today. You can see from one that Ralph Reed and his firm are involved somehow. From what I have been told, Ralph is working with Doolittle, don't know whether for free or as a paid consultant, and has been bending the ear of Karl Rove and possibly even the president about land and trust gaming issues," and you go on and on and on.

[Exhibit follows:]

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www.crea-online.org

Memorandum

To: Eric Ruff  
From: Italia Federici *IF*  
Date: February 21, 2001  
Re: press clippings

Hi Eric:

Here are two articles that were forwarded to me today. You can see from one that Ralph Reed and his firm are involved somehow. From what I have been told, Ralph is working with Doolittle (don't know whether for free or as a paid consultant), and has been bending the ear of Karl Rove and possibly even the President about land-in-trust and gaming issues.

I am also hearing that Ralph has involved James Dobson and Phyllis Schlafly with this. Supposedly, Dobson is planning to run ads and they mention Gale by name. He is anti-gambling and is incensed about land being set aside for gaming or that could potentially become the site of gaming. He has slammed Tom DeLay and is not known for his even temper.

I was also told that the Conservative Action Team (CATs) members have been asked to sign a letter to Gale and the President slamming DOI for the California and Louisiana situations. I was told they have congressional 50 signatures. I tried to verify this. I called Tom Tancredo (friend of Gale and mine and member of CATs) to ask him what he knew. He is in Turkey until Sunday night. You may be able to call someone you know to find out what they have heard.

At any rate, it looks like Doolittle is not giving up and that the conservatives are being mobilized. The email with Ralph Reed's name indicates that he is engaged somehow.

Just wanted to give you a heads-up about what I've been hearing...

--Italia

Ms. FEDERICI. Right. But I did not know that Jack was behind that effort. And when I found that out, I felt tremendously manipulated. Jack presented that to me that this was something that he was hearing second-hand, or that he was a third party to it. He did not tell me that he was paying Ralph Reed to do that.

Senator DORGAN. Reading from exhibit 4, "Hi Italia," began Mr. Abramoff, "I hate to bother you with something on tribal affairs, but one of our hard core tribes is being screwed by the BIA and we really need somehow to get the Secretary to undo this fast. Their insurance business is just about to go under, days away, and BIA is just not responding, since there is no new head there. I have sent this to Steve as well, but I thought perhaps you might be able to get this to the Secretary directly to get action. Here is the one-pager on it."

The point of this is that at the drop of a hat Mr. Abramoff would send you a note and say, "get this done; do this; contact this person." This is the person who incidentally gave you hundreds of thousands of dollars.

[Exhibit follows:]



[REDACTED]

Italia Federici

From: Italia Federici [Italia@REDACTED]  
Sent: Wednesday, March 21, 2001 2:03 PM  
To: [REDACTED]  
Subject: Disregard previous email

Hi [REDACTED]

Never mind about the tribal issue. I just got an email from Jack and he told me that he and Steve worked it out already. You might want to let Steve know that Jack already asked me for an invoice for the focus groups, too. Thank Steve for me.

Thanks [REDACTED]  
Italia

Italia Federici

From: Italia Federici [Italia@REDACTED]  
Sent: Wednesday, March 21, 2001 1:44 PM  
To: [REDACTED]  
Subject: FW: urgent tribal issue

Hi [REDACTED]

Since Steve has a copy (according to Jack), I am not going to try to get it to anyone else at Interior.

I just wanted to make sure Steve actually saw this.

Thanks,  
--Italia

-----Original Message-----  
From: abramoffj@ [mailto:abramoffj@REDACTED]  
Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2001 6:40 PM  
To: italia@ [mailto:italia@REDACTED]; Italin@ [mailto:Italin@REDACTED]  
Subject: urgent tribal issue

I Italia. I hate to bother you with something on tribal affairs, but one

of our hard core tribes is being screwed by the BIA and we really need somehow to get to the Secretary to undo this fast. Their insurance business is just about to go under (days away) and BIA is just not responding since there is no new head there.

I have sent this to Steve as well. But I thought that perhaps you might be able to get this to the Secretary directly to get action. Here is the one pager on this:

**Bureau of Indian Affairs Tribal Insurance Policy Putting Indian-Owned Insurance Companies Out of Business**

**Background**

A November 15, 2000 memorandum (attached) issued by Jim Thomas, Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Office of Tribal Services, to the BIA Regional Directors regarding the purchase of insurance by tribal self-determination contractors unilaterally imposed a new requirement on said contractors to obtain insurance from a company licensed by the state in which the tribe is located.

Since the release of the memorandum, tribal self-determination contractors seeking to renew their insurance policies with Indian-owned insurance companies have been denied their requests by BIA regional offices because the Indian-owned companies are not licensed in the states in which tribes will purchase their services. The policy has also had a detrimental affect on the Indian-owned insurance companies who are being prohibited by the BIA from continuing to provide insurance services to existing tribal clients. If this anti-business policy is not revoked, it is only a matter of time before Indian-owned insurance companies are forced by the BIA to close their doors.

**BIA Insurance Policy is Flawed and Should be Revoked**

The memorandum failed to take into account that many tribal self-determination contractors purchase their insurance from Indian-owned insurance companies due to these companies unique understanding of tribal businesses and reservation economies, and the policy was issued independently by BIA bureaucrats without tribal consultation or input.

\* Tribal self-determination contractors are not required by Federal statute in the Indian Self-Determination Act to obtain insurance from a company licensed by the state in which they reside. In addition, the new policy fails to address insurance companies that may have been organized pursuant to tribal law and/or Federal charter, which are not subject to state regulatory authority.

\* The policy seeks to impose state regulatory law on Indian reservations, which is fundamentally at odds with established law as well as principles of self-determination.

**Conclusion**

The new BIA insurance policy severely limits the ability of tribes to select their own insurance carriers and is having a detrimental impact on tribal economic development efforts, both on tribes operating their own insurance companies who are offering proven, cost-effective coverage to other tribes nationwide and the tribal businesses who rely on these services.

The best solution is to rescind the policy in its entirety, but at a minimum, it should be modified to clarify that the requirements of state licensing have no application to an Indian-owned insurance company.

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Senator DORGAN. Would you agree that the tribes donated this money at Mr. Abramoff's request? I am talking about donated money.

Ms. FEDERICI. Oh, absolutely, absolutely.

Senator DORGAN. So Mr. Abramoff got the tribes to donate some hundreds of thousands of dollars to you. Do you agree that Mr. Abramoff is constantly asking you to do business for him with respect to tribal interests? Do you agree with that?

Ms. FEDERICI. Senator, it appears constant because we are going through it in a rapid-fire fashion, but to me, if it was once every other week, that did not seem rapid-fire at the time.

Senator DORGAN. Whatever “rapid-fire” is, do you agree that Mr. Abramoff, after getting you the funding for your organization, was asking you, as we have cited in the evidence, asking you to do some Indian business with him at the Department of the Interior because you had “juice?” Do you agree with that?

Ms. FEDERICI. No, Senator; I do not agree with the characterization that Jack made; that I was not a party to; that I had “juice” at Interior. I had friends.

Senator DORGAN. I would like to stop with the “juice” thing. Do you agree with this. Do you agree that Jack Abramoff got you some hundreds of thousands of dollars and then asked you over a period of time, many times, to get involved in Indian issues that he was involved with with the Department of the Interior? Is that the case?

Ms. FEDERICI. He did make requests of me, and he did also, Senator, continually apologize to me throughout this time period for, bugging me with tribal issues.

Senator DORGAN. And so he got you the money. He asked you to do some work with him with the Department of the Interior. Did you do some work with the Department of the Interior? Did you contact Mr. Griles? Did you do the kinds of things he was asking?

Ms. FEDERICI. I sent the memo to Eric Ruff, giving him a heads up. And I told the committee staff in my deposition that I did raise the concern that members of Congress had about both Jena and Saginaw Chippewa with Steve, but I did not get into the substance of those issues with the Department of the Interior officials.

Senator DORGAN. The exhibits that I have read to you just go on and on and on from Mr. Abramoff to you. As I have indicated previously, you are then sending materials as well, in this case to Mr. Ruff at the Department of the Interior.

Ms. FEDERICI. But I think that memo was appropriate. I mean, I think that memo was appropriate.

Senator DORGAN. My point is this. My point is you received information to an environmental group, non-profit that you—

Ms. FEDERICI. No; to me as a person, Senator. I did tell your Committee staff also, I paid for this e-mail account out of my own pocket because I use it for both personal and business. I paid for my cell phone out of my own pocket.

The CHAIRMAN. You pay for your cell phone out of your own pocket?

Ms. FEDERICI. During this time period.

The CHAIRMAN. How much money did you get from Abramoff and his clients?

Ms. FEDERICI. We got hundreds of thousands of dollars.

The CHAIRMAN. How much, roughly?

Ms. FEDERICI. Okay, without disclosing donors, I believe it is about \$500,000.

The CHAIRMAN. Over what period of time?

Ms. FEDERICI. Three years.

The CHAIRMAN. Over \$500,000?

Ms. FEDERICI. Not over, not over. You guessed \$400,000.

The CHAIRMAN. And that is modest, and so you were able to pay for your own cell phone.

Ms. FEDERICI. But Senator, I was not abusing non-profit resources, okay? And Jack at the time, I believed, was a friend. I did not know that he was doing the things that he was doing. I really wish, sitting here today, I really wish that any of the Native Americans who donated to us had just once in this time period picked up the phone and called me and said, you know, what are you doing with our contribution; or how is this money being spent; so that I could have had a direct line of access to them.

I repeatedly offered to meet with our Native American donors. I invited them to all of our events. I was told by Jack Abramoff that these were people who wanted him to, as their Washington representative, help them to formulate where he was going to give money, and that they did not want to be bothered with me.

Senator DORGAN. Ms. Federici, you must be the luckiest woman alive.

Ms. FEDERICI. I thought I was.

Senator DORGAN. To be heading an organization and all of a sudden a friend says, you know something, let me get you about \$500,000. But now we know what that was for, in my judgment.

Let me ask you a question about exhibit 56, It is from Mr. Abramoff to you, subject Jena Band panel, "It seems the Jena are on the march again. If you can, can you make sure Steve squelches this again? Thanks."

Ms. FEDERICI. I never asked Steve to squelch anything the first time. So I do not know, I have listened to your staff; Jack was close to 50, a man, and a high-dollar donor. I did not feel comfortable correcting his vernacular. We work with people every day who have varying levels of decorum. There are lots of things, phrases that Jack would use that I would not be comfortable using, but I did not feel comfortable e-mailing him back and saying, don't use the word "kaibosh" with me.

I do think that he was not nearly as harsh with me as he was, say, about me. For example, in the e-mail that your committee staff showed me from this same time period where he told people he was going to "f—ing bury me." I mean, it is obvious from the e-mails that you have that there was a lot that Jack was doing that I had no idea about.

Senator DORGAN. Ms. Federici, you had an event at Signatures restaurant. We have an e-mail trail about the question of whether your organization was going to actually pay for the food and so on at Signatures restaurant. Let me go through a couple of these.

Ms. FEDERICI. Which exhibit is that?

Senator DORGAN. Let me go through a couple of them. Exhibit 47. This is from Rodney Lane to Mr. Abramoff, "Spoke with Jared. I got the sense they were hoping we would 'take care' of things; it sounds to me like they are planning on doing these luncheons twice a month; 10 or less coming for lunch tomorrow; to avoid embarrassment, maybe we should pick up at least one-half this tab, then our work with Jared going forward would give him a discount on future events." It goes on, "It looks like this bill was slightly over \$300 plus tip; what do you want me to do in the future?"

A series of things in which——

[Exhibit follows:]

From: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
 Sent: Friday, July 05, 2002 6:39 PM  
 To: 'Rodney Lane'  
 Subject: RE: CREA

Did you speak with Jared on this at all? How much was the first one, cost wise?

-----Original Message-----  
 From: Rodney Lane [mailto:lane@crea.com]  
 Sent: Friday, July 05, 2002 2:04 PM  
 To: abramoff@crea.com  
 Subject: RE: CREA

Exactly how much of these lunches did you want to pick up? There's another one scheduled for July 16.

-----Original Message-----  
 From: abramoff@crea.com [mailto:abramoff@crea.com]  
 Sent: Thursday, June 27, 2002 1:56 AM  
 To: lane@crea.com  
 Subject: RE: CREA

Pick up tomorrow's entirely, but pull him aside and tell him that we have to work out something for the future lunches.

-----Original Message-----  
 From: Rodney Lane [mailto:lane@crea.com]  
 Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2002 4:41 PM  
 To: abramoff@crea.com  
 Subject: RE: CREA

Spoke with Jared. I get the sense that they were hoping we would "take care of things." It sounds to me like they are planning on doing these lunches about twice a month. There are only about 10 or less coming in for lunch tomorrow. To avoid any embarrassment on either side, maybe we should pick up at least half this tab (as it will be a fairly small party anyway) and then I'll work with Jared going forward to give them a discount for every subsequent event.

-----Original Message-----  
 From: abramoff@crea.com [mailto:abramoff@crea.com]  
 Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2002 3:56 PM  
 To: lane@crea.com  
 Subject: RE: CREA

Can you chat with Jared and find out what he has in mind? Then tell him you'll chat with me.

-----Original Message-----  
 From: Rodney Lane [mailto:lane@crea.com]  
 Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2002 1:04 PM  
 To: Jack Abramoff  
 Subject: CREA  
 Importance: High

Are we paying for their get together? I only ask because Jared has a party set up for tomorrow but wanted Jennifer to touch base with me to see if everything was "worked out." Just curious if you had made an arrangement with them.

The information contained in this transmission may contain privileged and confidential information. It is intended only for the use of the person(s) named above. If you are not the intended recipient, you are hereby notified that any review,

From: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
 Sent: Wednesday, July 10, 2002 2:54 PM  
 To: 'Rodney Lane'  
 Subject: RE: CREA

I might have to cover this if it is not more than once every couple of months.

-----Original Message-----  
 From: Rodney Lane [mailto:laner@...]  
 Sent: Wednesday, July 10, 2002 3:35 PM  
 To: abramoffj@...  
 Subject: RE: CREA

It looks like the bill was slightly over \$300 plus \$50 tip. What do you want me to do in the future?

-----Original Message-----  
 From: abramoffj@... [mailto:abramoffj@...]  
 Sent: Friday, July 05, 2002 7:39 PM  
 To: laner@...  
 Subject: RE: CREA

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 Sent: Friday, July 05, 2002 2:04 PM  
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 To: laner@...  
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Ms. FEDERICI. Jack was a donor. Again, I mean this goes to my naivete, but I thought he was very generous.

Senator DORGAN. Well, that would be pretty generous; if you are going to do a couple of meetings a month and go to a restaurant and not be charged for it, that would be mighty generous.

Ms. FEDERICI. We did pay. We did pay, and we provided documents to the Department of Justice and the FBI and other people that showed that we wrote checks and did make payments to Signatures for the events that we did there. And I did leave open in my deposition with Mr. Carrillo the possibility that there was a lunch at some point that was picked up by Jack. We also did lunches at the Caucus Room and other places, and we would pay for our own lunches.

The CHAIRMAN. Did Mr. Abramoff ever comp a CREA function?

Ms. FEDERICI. I cannot recall if he did or did not right now—

The CHAIRMAN. But you just provided documents. Were you reimbursed? You must have examined whether there were cases where you were comped by Abramoff.

Ms. FEDERICI. If I didn't, the absence of a check would not be a document. How would I know?

The CHAIRMAN. I think you would know whether you paid or not. Any record keeping would indicate whether you paid or not. The question is, did Abramoff ever comp an event by CREA?

Ms. FEDERICI. I can't say, but if he comped us a lunch at some point in time, we would have just written it down as an in-kind contribution. That is what an in-kind contribution is.

The CHAIRMAN. Exactly. And that is the question: Did he ever comp anything for your organization?

Ms. FEDERICI. I was not asked to look into in-kind contributions, that I recall.

The CHAIRMAN. You are totally non-responsive. You should know whether you were comped or not, because it is just a simple thing of recordkeeping. Go back into your records.

Ms. FEDERICI. For a \$300-lunch 3 years ago?

The CHAIRMAN. Please do not interrupt anymore, Ms. Federici.

It is a simple question as to whether Mr. Abramoff ever comped anything for your or your organization.

Ms. FEDERICI. I do not recall.

The CHAIRMAN. Then I would like to have you go back through your documents and provide for this committee whether he did or not.

Senator DORGAN. Mr. Chairman.

Ms. FEDERICI. I would be happy to do that.

Senator DORGAN. Let me just say that there is an exhibit on this. No. 71, from Laura Lippy to Rodney Lane and then to Abramoff from Rodney Lane. The end of it is, "Jared called; they want to do this reception on Thursday, March 20, for 50 to 75 people; Jared said that Italia and Jack spoke regarding this and Jack may want to comp it; Eric can you call Jared to get the details; Rodney will talk to Jack about the comp issue." And then he says, "See what Eric comes back with, but it sounds expensive. Do we owe them something?" Mr. Abramoff says, "Unfortunately, she is critical to me. What will it cost us?"

[Exhibit follows:]

From: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov) [mailto:jack@wdc.com] on behalf of Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
 Sent: Tuesday, March 04, 2003 12:43 PM  
 To: Rodney Lane  
 Subject: RE: CREA - Freshman Reception

Unfortunately, she is critical to me. What would it cost us?

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

From: Rodney Lane [mailto:rlane@wdc.com]  
 Sent: Tuesday, March 04, 2003 11:11 PM  
 To: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
 Subject: FW: CREA - Freshman Reception

We'll see what Erika comes back with but it sounds expensive. Do we owe them or something?

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

From: Laura Lippy [mailto:lauralippy@wdc.com]  
 Sent: Tuesday, March 04, 2003 12:46 PM  
 To: Rodney Lane; Erika Merkel  
 Cc: Todd Thrasher  
 Subject: CREA - Freshman Reception

Jared called. They want to do this reception on Thursday, March 20th for 50-75 people. Jared said that Italia & Jack spoke regarding this, and that Jack may want to comp it. Erika, can you call Jared to get details please? Rodney will talk to Jack about the comp issue. Thanks.  
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Ms. FEDERICI. This event, to the best of my recollection, as I answered in my deposition on October 7, did not take place. These are conversations between people, not me, and I do not know what Jack was thinking or what was in his mind. I can't address this e-mail.

Senator DORGAN. Ms. Federici, there is so much to ask you about.

Ms. FEDERICI. I am happy to answer all of your questions.

Senator DORGAN. I understand, although I guess I am not understanding your answers. I think that this set of e-mails and the evidence that we have collected through subpoena paints a very clear picture of what was going on. You are denying virtually all of it. I understand that. You come to the committee with some jeopardy.

Ms. FEDERICI. I am not lying. Senator, I am not lying to this committee, okay? I am not lying to this committee. Jack Abramoff gave us, you have to put it into the context of 4 years ago, 4½ years ago. Jack Abramoff was a very well known and very highly respected lobbyist and Republican activist.

Let me put it to you this way. When I walk into the Republican National Committee building, and Chairman McCain, you will know this more than Vice Chairman Dorgan, there is a center



there called the DeVos Media Center. I believe that the DeVos', a couple, gave \$1 million out of their own pocket to help construct that media center. I do not believe that they received anything personally in exchange for that. It is philanthropy.

The CHAIRMAN. Ms. Federici, please. Let's get back on the subject. The time of this committee is more valuable than to talk about a contribution from someone from the State of Michigan.

Here is the question, Ms. Federici. In one exhibit, Todd Boulanger, a senior member of Mr. Abramoff's team, is asked, "Can Italia get shit in the President's budget to Congress?" Mr. Abramoff responds, "I do not think she has juice beyond Interior."

Another exhibit, here the two discuss CREA and a political contribution, Mr. Abramoff writes to Mr. Boulanger, "Todd, did we not request money for CREA from them? That is our access to Norton. We need money for them more than many of the others."

Another exhibit, here the two discuss a CREA freshman reception, Mr. Abramoff replies, "Unfortunately, she is critical to me."

Why is it, Ms. Federici, that in your view, that Mr. Abramoff time after time after time, not only believes you are critical, but ensures that donations are made to you and your organization? How do you think he became so confused?

Ms. FEDERICI. Senator, how did he get confused enough to call Native Americans "troglodytes?" Nobody can know what Jack Abramoff was thinking.

The CHAIRMAN. That is not responsive, Ms. Federici.

Ms. FEDERICI. I can't know what was in Jack Abramoff's mind.

The CHAIRMAN. So the answer is you do not know?

Ms. FEDERICI. I have no idea. Those e-mails were not to me or from me.

The CHAIRMAN. Although there are e-mails that say, "I have got it; I will get on it; I have a meeting at 4 p.m. this afternoon."

Ms. FEDERICI. I help my friends.

The CHAIRMAN. We have a trail.

Ms. FEDERICI. I am sorry.

The CHAIRMAN. Ms. Federici, for the last time, I am asking you not to interrupt me.

Even though there is e-mail after e-mail where you state, "I've got it; I am on it; I have an appointment at 4 p.m." What is Mr. Abramoff supposed to think when every e-mail that he sends to you, you are saying "I am on it ASAP; I have got it; I have a meeting at four," on and on and on. What is he supposed to think?

Ms. FEDERICI. Senator, it is not every e-mail. My e-mails to Jack, many, many, many, many of them, and I am extremely concerned that this committee does not have them, are all, "Jack, here is what we are doing with the money; we have this project; we are focus-testing this video that I brought with me; we are taking out a very expensive \$40,000 ad in the Washington Post; we are launching a major alliance with the Teamsters that is going to cost 50 grand."

And that is what was in my mind. I cannot say what was in Jack's mind. From time to time, and it does, as we go through these rapid-fire, just sitting here today, he did ask me for assistance, but it was not the body of the work that I did. I did a lot of work, real environmental work with his funding.

The CHAIRMAN. The focus of this committee's hearing is why you continued to respond to him, "I've got it; I'm on it." And you have given no satisfactory explanation. And the fact that you were doing other work at the time, Ms. Federici, is not convincing.

Ms. FEDERICI. Well, Senator, may I respond?

The CHAIRMAN. Yes; as long as it is a direct response to the question.

Ms. FEDERICI. Okay. But Senator, I did environmental work with the money that Jack gave us, and if he called me or e-mailed me and asked me to pick up the phone and raise and issue and I said I was going to call, I called. I can't tell you what was in his mind. I don't know what he was telling his donors. I wish he had given me access to them. He did not, because I think that we would not be sitting here today if I had access to them. And we did not do anything untoward with those contributions.

Thank you.

Senator DORGAN. Ms. Federici, is your organization a 501(c)(3) or (4)?

Ms. FEDERICI. No, sir; We are a 501(c)(4).

Senator DORGAN. Formerly a 527?

Ms. FEDERICI. We were a 527 until 2000.

Senator DORGAN. As a 501(c)(4), your organization would not be collecting money for the purposes of using it politically. Would that be accurate?

Ms. FEDERICI. I do not understand all the ins and outs.

Senator DORGAN. Were there restrictions on the use of the money?

Ms. FEDERICI. We are not allowed to write checks to campaigns. We are not allowed to endorse political candidates. We are allowed to engage in advocacy, environmental advocacy and point out examples of hypocrisy and things like that.

Senator DORGAN. In your deposition, you said "we focus-tested the video of John Kerry leaving a fuel efficiency rally and hopping into an SUV."

Ms. FEDERICI. Right.

Senator DORGAN. And then you talk about, "I wanted to let you know we just posted the anti-Kerry video-clip on our website; released it to the news media in Beta format; The O'Reilly Factor and Hannity and Colmes are interested; I will keep my fingers crossed; the Post ad comes out on Wednesday."

Ms. FEDERICI. It was very important to policy, because at the time Senator Kerry was threatening to filibuster ANWR on the floor of the U.S. Senate. And the rally that he was speaking at was a fuel efficiency and ANWR rally that he then, after telling people to tighten their belts, conserve and accept higher gas prices, walked past five limousines and got into a chauffeur-driven SUV. It was timed with an important public policy matter.

Senator DORGAN. Ms. Federici, in these old western movies on television, they have this phrase, "what are you going to believe: Me or your own eyes? I do not understand this testimony. This body of evidence we have is complete and persuasive that you came into hundreds of thousands of dollars, at some moribund little environmental organization, and all of a sudden you seem to be on the payroll of or working for Mr. Abramoff in all kinds of ways. I mean,

obviously it looks to me pretty political, but let me ask you, how does this role of yours that we see in evidence here, how does that relate to Indian tribes as regards the environment?

Ms. FEDERICI. Well, okay, my op/ed piece that was entitled American Ingenuity in Energy Stability mirrors quite closely actually the piece written by David Pago from the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe, Gas Prices Hurt Indians More Than Others. We have worked extensively on issues relating to high gas prices. We are dancing around an issue here that I think it is time to mention because you asked me why I thought this was a little bit of a witch hunt.

A lot of the money that was used, that was raised during this time period was spent constructing and putting together the Labor Environment Alliance, and the major project of the Labor Environment Alliance were pink slips that we made to defeat the Lieberman and McCain Climate Stewardship Act. And so, a lot of the money that was raised during this time period was spent putting together a coalition which then funded an effort to defeat Senator McCain's legislation on the basis that it would raise gasoline prices.

Now, reasonable people can disagree. I am sure Senator McCain believes that his legislation wouldn't raise gas prices. We had a different viewpoint, but we worked on that from almost all of 2002, putting the Alliance together, and most of 2003.

Senator DORGAN. And that was funded by the Indian tribes?

Ms. FEDERICI. It was out of our general support funding.

Senator DORGAN. Let me ask you, is there any trail of evidence that would suggest that the Indian tribes decided that was going to be a big issue for them, and they wanted to deliver hundreds of thousands of dollars to you for that purpose? Any evidence that you have about that?

Ms. FEDERICI. No, Senator; other than the fact that we have a website, [www.crea-online.org](http://www.crea-online.org), with our mission statement, our projects, publicly available information, telephone number, e-mail, et cetera, and nobody ever reached out, none of our donors ever reached out to me to either contact me to set up a meeting or to say, hey wait 1 minute; you are doing things with our funding that is counter to how we would like to see our funds used.

Senator DORGAN. It almost sounds like a fairy tale, doesn't it? You get hundreds of thousands, up to \$500,000 and the people that gave it to you really never reached out to you to talk to you about the issues that represented the main elements of your organizations.

That is why I think this is unbelievable, Ms. Federici. We have a body of evidence here that suggests you got a substantial amount of money from Indian tribes, and then you were very busy working with Mr. Abramoff and a close friend at Interior, close friend for 10 years. You were very busy moving back and forth on a wide range of very controversial Indian issues, and now you come here and say, well, I really did not do that; that really did not happen.

Ms. FEDERICI. Senator, I did not say that I really did not do that.

Senator DORGAN. Well, did you do it then?

Ms. FEDERICI. I told you that I contacted folks at Interior, but that the issues were, in my mind, it was Ralph Reed is angry, and James Dobson is angry; is anybody paying attention to this? Jack

represented to me, and I know that there are e-mails, because I was actually shown them by your staff, where he repeatedly represents to me in writing that he does not have any way of talking to people at the Bureau of Indian Affairs; that nobody will speak with him. In his framing of that issue to me, he said that other people were becoming angry and frustrated with his inability to have meetings.

Now, at the time, hindsight is 20-20, he was the paid representative of the Choctaw and the Coushatta and the Saginaw Chippewa and lots of very nice Indian tribes. If he presented that information to me in writing as he did, and also verbally on the phone, why wouldn't I pick up the phone and call the Chief Operating Officer and just say, "hey." People who are concerned about these issues are frustrated that they can't, you know.

Senator DORGAN. You know what bothers me? We have been through hours and hours and hours and hours of hearings. And the staff has been through days and days of interviews at this point. It is pretty clear that this is one of the most disgusting tales of greed and avarice, or perhaps fraud, stealing. It is unbelievable what we have uncovered here. It is almost sickening to see what we have uncovered, the people being bilked and defrauded and so on.

And you come to our table and say, you know, gosh, this was just about friendships, hundreds of thousands of dollars that came my way and I didn't really do much. I mean, somehow none of this adds up, Ms. Federici. As I said before, this committee, in my judgment, has had people testify, and in my judgment some of the testimony has been fraudulent. And we need to find out who because there are consequences for that.

And I do not know where this hearing goes from here, what we do. I have indicated that I think we have some additional witnesses or some additional people to interview; perhaps another hearing. But I think at some point, Mr. Chairman, we have to reconcile as well some of the inherent conflicts that this committee has been told in open hearing because there are consequences to providing testimony that is false testimony.

Ms. FEDERICI. And there very well should be, and I did not provide any false testimony to this committee.

The CHAIRMAN. Ms. Federici, do you have anything from the IRS that establishes you as a 501(c)(4)?

Ms. FEDERICI. Can you be more specific, Senator?

The CHAIRMAN. In other words, when you were established as a certain category, you receive documentation from the IRS to authenticate that. Your file is one.

Ms. FEDERICI. Our General Counsel on that issue, well, actually CREA's General Counsel is Ben Ginsburg. He did our incorporation. Those records would be with him at Patton Boggs. He has assured me that our filing was done properly.

The CHAIRMAN. Would you provide it for the record, please?

Ms. FEDERICI. Sure. I will ask Mr. Ginsburg for that information.

The CHAIRMAN. No; you can get it. You are the head of the organization, Ms. Federici.

Ms. FEDERICI. Okay.

Senator DORGAN. Mr. Chairman, I have to be on the floor of the Senate in just a few minutes. I wonder if I might just ask one additional question.

The CHAIRMAN. Sure.

Senator DORGAN. Ms. Federici, because of the pattern I see here with this 501(c)(4), and you heard that we will be submitting at the request of the Finance Committee information about activities of (c)(3)s and (c)(4)s that we have uncovered, let me ask you, has any of the funding that has come to the (c)(4) that you are involved in been used by you personally or for political purposes?

Ms. FEDERICI. Not to my knowledge.

Senator DORGAN. So you have not used any of that funding from your (c)(4)?

Ms. FEDERICI. I pay myself a salary. We have salaries.

Senator DORGAN. Beyond a salary, you have not converted that to personal use in any way, and you have not used it for political purposes?

Ms. FEDERICI. Well, converted to personal use would be salary or reimbursements and things like that. No. I mean, if money from CREA goes to me, it is salary or reimbursement.

Senator DORGAN. The reason I am asking the question is this money came to you from Indian tribes.

Ms. FEDERICI. Right, Senator.

Senator DORGAN. And we are trying to track the money from Indian tribes, who it went to and how it was used.

Ms. FEDERICI. And I want to actually be as forthcoming as possible on that point. We were not a group that received money and then hired any of Jack's friends or wrote checks to any of Jack's organizations or anything like that.

The CHAIRMAN. We would like to have a yes or no answer.

Have you ever made any use of the money for purely personal expenses for campaign work-related contributions?

Ms. FEDERICI. Do you mean did I ever write a CREA check for a campaign?

The CHAIRMAN. That was the question, or any for purely personal expenses?

Ms. FEDERICI. No; not to the best of my recollection. No.

The CHAIRMAN. Was CREA ever used as a conduit for any reasons? In other words, was the CREA ever used to funnel money from one source to another?

Ms. FEDERICI. No, Senator; I mean, not to the best of my recollection. I would actually prefer to be answering that question "no." You know, and if you have specifics, I could probably, if you wanted to know did I ever write checks back to the organizations Jack ran, no.

The CHAIRMAN. Any other organization?

Ms. FEDERICI. No; Senator.

The CHAIRMAN. Thank you very much, Ms. Federici. I am sure that there will be more concerning this particular relationship, this three-cornered relationship between you and the Department of the Interior and Mr. Abramoff.

Ms. FEDERICI. Senator, I am happy to help in any way I can.

The CHAIRMAN. Well, I thank you.

This hearing is adjourned.

[Whereupon at 11:25 a.m., the committee was adjourned, to reconvene at the call of the Chair.]

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# APPENDIX

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## ADDITIONAL MATERIAL SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

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From: Abramoff, Jack (DC)  
Sent: Friday, January 08, 1999 12:13 PM  
To: Ralston, Susan (DC)  
Subject: RE: Call from

Pass.

-----Original Message-----  
From: Ralston, Susan (DC)  
Sent: Friday, January 08, 1999 1:02 PM  
To: Abramoff, Jack (DC)  
Subject: Call from

Italia from The Coalition of Republican Environmental Advocates has an invitation-only reception on Jan. 20th at 10am at the Capitol, room H06 with Republican members for Haley Barbour.

She met you at a football game w/ Grover Norquist [REDACTED]

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From: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
Sent: Tuesday, January 30, 2001 1:15 PM  
To: Italiacrea@  
Subject: RE: Half Moon Bay Overview

Thanks so much Italia. Please let me know what I can do to help Dennis Stephens, Mark Zachares (Office of Insular Affairs) and Tim Martin (Bureau of Indian Affairs) be placed. Look forward to hearing from you regarding CREA. Regards.

-----Original Message-----  
From: Italiacrea@ (mailto:Italiacrea@)  
Sent: Tuesday, January 30, 2001 12:13 PM  
To: abramoffj@  
Subject: Re: Half Moon Bay Overview

I very much appreciate your generous offers regarding CREA and I've been working on the document you requested regarding grassroots and strategy. I look forward to sharing it with you when you return. According to the folks I've talked with, Gale is expected to be confirmed with about 80 votes. That would be a nice margin and would send her to Interior with some confidence. Jeanne Adkins (my friend from CO) has been offered the CFO position. She and I are talking later about other positions and she will continue to discuss resumes with appropriate contacts. According to Jeanne, as of Sunday, no decisions had been made on CoS or deputy and Gale is still making determinations about the structure of the staff. The White House is having a large role in staff selection.

--Italia

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From: Abramoff, Jack (D-DC-Gov)  
 Sent: Thursday, March 01, 2001 11:43 AM  
 To: 'kalia@  
 Subject: Re: Thanks from me and Steve and invitation

Wow, that would be great! Thank you so much for everything. I am so glad we are working together. Let me know if I can help you cover the cost of the reception. Thanks again.

Jack Abramoff

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

From: Italia Federici <italia@  
 To: Jack Abramoff <abramoffj@  
 Sent: Thu Mar 01 12:42:21 2001  
 Subject: Thanks from me and Steve and invitation

Hi Jack:

After I retrieved my coat I ended up sharing a cab with Steve. He really enjoyed meeting you and was grateful for the strategic advice on BIA and Insular Affairs. You definitely made another friend.

Now, something we didn't get to this morning...

Finally, as of yesterday, Julie Finley, Jim Nicholson and I are hosting a very small cocktail party for Gale at Julie's home. We just got Gale's scheduler to confirm! Gale has been saying yes but we never had a definite from her office until yesterday afternoon. I called congressional CoS yesterday and had a positive response from Senator [redacted] Senator [redacted] Congressman [redacted] Congressman [redacted] - they will be there. Now I am calling and emailing people I want to attend and keeping my fingers crossed! There will only be about 25 people in attendance so it's a great time to meet Gale and actually chat for a few minutes. It will be very small and relaxed.

Can you join us? It's March 6 at 6:30pm at [redacted]

Bye for now,  
 Italia

[REDACTED]

Italia Federici

From: Italia Federici [Italia@REDACTED]  
Sent: Wednesday, March 21, 2001 2:03 PM  
To: [REDACTED]  
Subject: Disregard previous email

Hi [REDACTED]:

Never mind about the tribal issue. I just got an email from Jack and he told me that he and Steve worked it out already. You might want to let Steve know that Jack already asked me for an invoice for the focus groups, too. Thank Steve for me.

Thanks [REDACTED]  
Italia

Italia Federici

From: Italia Federici [Italia@REDACTED]  
Sent: Wednesday, March 21, 2001 1:44 PM  
To: [REDACTED]  
Subject: FW: urgent tribal issue

Hi [REDACTED]:

Since Steve has a copy (according to Jack), I am not going to try to get it to anyone else at Interior.

I just wanted to make sure Steve actually saw this.

Thanks,  
--Italia

-----Original Message-----  
From: abramoffj@ [mailto:abramoffj@REDACTED]  
Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2001 6:40 PM  
To: italia@ [mailto:italia@REDACTED]; Italic@ [mailto:Italic@REDACTED]  
Subject: urgent tribal issue

I Italia. I hate to bother you with something on tribal affairs, but one

of our hard core tribes is being screwed by the BIA and we really need somehow to get to the Secretary to undo this fast. Their insurance business is just about to go under (days away) and BIA is just not responding since there is no new head there.

I have sent this to Steve as well, but I thought that perhaps you might be able to get this to the Secretary directly to get action. Here is the one pager on this:

**Bureau of Indian Affairs Tribal Insurance Policy Putting Indian-Owned Insurance Companies Out of Business**

**Background**

A November 15, 2000 memorandum (attached) issued by Jim Thomas, Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Office of Tribal Services, to the BIA Regional Directors regarding the purchase of insurance by tribal self-determination contractors unilaterally imposed a new requirement on said contractors to obtain insurance from a company licensed by the state in which the tribe is located.

Since the release of the memorandum, tribal self-determination contractors seeking to renew their insurance policies with Indian-owned insurance companies have been denied their requests by BIA regional offices because the Indian-owned companies are not licensed in the states in which tribes will purchase their services. The policy has also had a detrimental affect on the Indian-owned insurance companies who are being prohibited by the BIA from continuing to provide insurance services to existing tribal clients. If this anti-business policy is not revoked, it is only a matter of time before Indian-owned insurance companies are forced by the BIA to close their doors.

**BIA Insurance Policy is Flawed and Should be Revoked**

\* The memorandum failed to take into account that many tribal self-determination contractors purchase their insurance from Indian-owned insurance companies due to these companies unique understanding of tribal businesses and reservation economies, and the policy was issued independently by BIA bureaucrats without tribal consultation or input.

\* Tribal self-determination contractors are not required by Federal statute in the Indian Self-Determination Act to obtain insurance from a company licensed by the state in which they reside. In addition, the new policy fails to address insurance companies that may have been organized pursuant to tribal law and/or Federal charter, which are not subject to state regulatory authority.

\* The policy seeks to impose state regulatory law on Indian reservations, which is fundamentally at odds with established law as well as principles of self-determination.

**Conclusion**

The new BIA insurance policy severely limits the ability of tribes to select their own insurance carriers and is having a detrimental impact on tribal economic development efforts, both on tribes operating their own insurance companies who are offering proven, cost-effective coverage to other tribes nationwide and the tribal businesses who rely on these services.

The best solution is to rescind the policy in its entirety, but at a minimum, it should be modified to clarify that the requirements of state licensing have no application to an Indian-owned insurance company.

The information contained in this transmission may contain

Ja Federici

From: abramoff@...  
 Sent: Monday, March 26, 2001 10:24 AM  
 To: Kalla@...  
 Subject: FW: Clinton aides gave last-minute OK to 3 tribes / Atlanta Journal

Please note the Seminole issue, which we discussed. I leave it in your hands.

-----Original Message-----  
 From: Wilson, Padgett (AsDir-DC-Gov)  
 Sent: Monday, March 26, 2001 9:57 AM  
 To: DCChoctaw  
 Subject: Clinton aides gave last-minute OK to 3 tribes / Atlanta Journal

Clinton aides gave last-minute OK to 3 tribes  
 They then got jobs connected to Indian casinos  
 Sean Murphy - Boston Globe  
 Sunday, March 25, 2001  
 In the final days before leaving office, two Clinton administration officials quietly reversed the findings of Interior Department staff historians to recognize three groups as Indian tribes, thus giving them the right to open casinos, a privilege often worth hundreds of millions of dollars.  
 Then the two officials stepped directly from their high-level administration posts into lucrative positions representing gaming interests. One aide made decisions, plus two other last-minute rulings in support of tribes already operating casinos, gave one final boost to the Indian gaming industry, which in the 1990s allied itself with the Clinton administration, and generously contributing campaign funds.  
 Among the beneficiaries were Florida's Seminole tribe, which gained approval

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March 28, 2001

### FAX COVER SHEET

FAX NUMBER TRANSMITTED TO: ██████████

To: Erick LaRocque  
OF: Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana  
From: Kathryn Fowler Van Hoof  
Client/Matter: Check request for CREA poll on behalf of Secretary of Interior

### CONFIDENTIAL

Attached is an email from Jack Abramoff with the firm of Greenberg Traurig, recently retained by the Tribe for assistance with governmental affairs. Coushatta and Mississippi Band of Choctaw have agreed to each pay 1/2 the cost of a poll conducted by the Council for Republican Environmental Advocacy, which is being conducted on behalf of Gayle Norton, Secretary of Interior.

Please immediately prepare a check made payable to the Council for Republican Environmental Advocacy in the amount of \$50,000.00 and forward to my office by Federal Express. I will then Fed-X the check to Mr. Abramoff.

Cc: Chairman Lovelin Poncho

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman Lovelin Poncho  
Date: 3/28/01

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March 30, 2001

VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

Mr. Jack A. Abramoff  
██████████  
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██████████

Re: Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana

Dear Jack:

Please find enclosed Check No. 29050 from the Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana in the amount of \$50,000.00 made payable to the Council for Republican Environmental Advocacy. It is our understanding that you will forward the check to the appropriate party to cover 1/2 the cost of a poll being conducted on behalf of Gayle Norton, Secretary of Interior.

With kindest regards, I remain,

Sincerely,

**VAN HOOF & ASSOCIATES**

By: Kathy  
Kathryn Fowler Van Hoof

KFVjms  
Enclosure

From: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov) [/o=██████████u=WDC/cn=Recipients/cn=abramoffj] on behalf of Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
 Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2001 10:52 AM  
 To: 'Italia Federici'  
 Subject: RE: Ben Fitial seeing Secretary Norton

You are so wonderful! I'll pass this on.

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

From: Italia Federici [mailto:italia@██████████]  
 Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2001 10:59 AM  
 To: abramoffj@██████████  
 Subject: RE: Ben Fitial seeing Secretary Norton

I'm so sorry this was such a mess. I'll try to figure out what exactly is going on over there. Also, if Mr. Fitial has the time to come back I would be happy for CREA to cover his travel expenses. We are doing an event this summer similar to the convention event - with state environmental secretaries and other leaders. Lots of these folks can't travel on the state dime and CREA helps with those expenses. Maybe we could have a panel on economic and environmental issues in the territories and invite Mr. Fitial back as a guest of honor and speaker - and schedule the meeting with Gale then.

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

From: abramoffj@██████████ [mailto:abramoffj@██████████]  
 Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2001 10:51 AM  
 To: italia@██████████  
 Subject: RE: Ben Fitial seeing Secretary Norton

If they are going to have a problem on the photo, let's hold on it for now, since I don't want him to come all the way back without a photo. We'll get it another time. Thanks again for all you did on this. You are wonderful!

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

From: Italia Federici [mailto:italia@██████████]  
 Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2001 10:50 AM  
 To: abramoffj@██████████  
 Subject: RE: Ben Fitial seeing Secretary Norton

Chad Calvert is talking to Brian Waidmann today about it. Chad thinks that the only problem may be the picture. Apparently, Gale has not done photo-ops with any congressional people, Govs, etc. It's not about Mr. Fitial, it sounds like some policy they are instituting. I don't know why. Anyway, hopefully we should know more by this afternoon.

--Italia

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

From: abramoffj@██████████ [mailto:abramoffj@██████████]  
 Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2001 4:12 AM  
 To: italia@██████████  
 Subject: Ben Fitial seeing Secretary Norton

Do you think this can still happen this week?

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Italia Federici

From: Italia Federici [italia@██████████]  
 Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2001 2:54 PM  
 To: abramoffj@██████████  
 Subject: RE: ██████████

will get to work on this with Steve. I'd very much like to meet him and I'm sure Steve and Gale will too. Also, we have some great results from our focus groups and I think that we have very good material for the infomercial. I left a message for Mike Scanlon. We can chat about that next week, but the info is very helpful. We can also use the information for briefings for the WH and Hill. You are welcome to join us in any of these briefings. I know that ██████████ wants one and that the WH office of public liaison does too, etc. ██████████ I think you'll be very pleased with the fresh slant on things. ██████████

-----Original Message-----  
 From: abramoffj@██████████ [mailto:abramoffj@██████████]  
 Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2001 2:30 PM  
 To: italia@██████████  
 Subject: ██████████

He will be coming in May 9 to DC. Do you think we could get him a meeting with Secretary Norton and Steve? I'd also like him to meet you, since I want to go back to the well and get more \$ from them soon for CREA.

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**Italia Federici**

From: Italia Federici [italia@ [REDACTED]]  
 Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2001 11:47 AM  
 To: abramoffj@ [REDACTED]  
 Subject: RE: YIKES!!! help!

I have a call in to Brian Waidmann re: [REDACTED] so we don't have the same problem as with Ben. I talked with Gale's personal assistant and she said that as of right now Gale is scheduled to be in DC on the 9th so I think everything will be fine. Steve does not want to meet with him right now b/c he does not want to do any interior type stuff until after his confirmation hearings. He is really concerned that he not acquire any new knowledge that he would be forced to discuss during gta. He wants to freeze his institutional knowledge. Also, the Washington Post is doing a hit piece on Steve and that has him edgy. When Gale was going through that during her transition and CREA was being attacked, too, Steve was very rational and helped us understand that the bad guys only attack you b/c you're effective and don't take it personally. Now it is everyone saying that to him but it's still hard. I would love to be in the meeting. Thank you.

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

From: abramoffj@ [REDACTED] [mailto:abramoffj@ [REDACTED]]  
 Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2001 10:45 AM  
 To: italia@ [REDACTED]  
 Subject: RE: YIKES!!! help!

Oh, one more thing. Did you have a chance to get a meeting for [REDACTED] with Secretary Norton yet? Can you attend that meeting as well? It would be so nice if she could thank him for the contribution. He is in town May 9 and 10 and will see the President as well, as part of Grover's group meeting. They also contributed (less, so don't tell Grover!) to ATR.

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

From: Italia Federici [mailto:italia@ [REDACTED]]  
 Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2001 10:08 AM  
 To: abramoffj@ [REDACTED]  
 Subject: RE: YIKES!!! help!

FYI - he is not on Gale's two week schedule as of yesterday.

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

From: abramoffj@ [REDACTED] [mailto:abramoffj@ [REDACTED]]  
 Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2001 9:47 AM  
 To: italia@ [REDACTED]  
 Subject: RE: YIKES!!! help!

no, but some time in the next week or so I believe.

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

From: Italia Federici [mailto:italia@ [REDACTED]]  
 Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2001 9:46 AM

From: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
 Sent: Tuesday, May 08, 2001 8:54 AM  
 To: Italia Federici  
 Subject: RE: Chief Poncho

Sounds great.

-----Original Message-----  
 From: Italia Federici [mailto:italiaf@...]  
 Sent: Tuesday, May 08, 2001 9:45 AM  
 To: abramoffj@...  
 Subject: RE: Chief Poncho

I would love to visit him in Louisiana and I can make time for a private get together anytime that it works on his schedule Wednesday. In fact, just keep me in your back pocket in case there is a hole.

--Italia

-----Original Message-----  
 From: abramoffj@... [mailto:abramoffj@...]  
 Sent: Monday, May 07, 2001 11:30 PM  
 To: italiaf@...  
 Subject: RE: Chief Poncho

I love the idea of the busts. On the Chief, when we meet him, you can thank him. If there is time in the schedule, let's also shoot to do a private get together, though this might not work on this one day trip. Also, perhaps we could get you to visit them?

-----Original Message-----  
 From: Italia Federici [mailto:italiaf@...]  
 Sent: Monday, May 07, 2001 8:47 PM  
 To: Jack Abramoff  
 Subject: Chief Poncho

In the hubbub of trying to get Gale's schedulers to get their act together and getting Steve endorsements, I didn't even ask...is there anything else that I can do for the Chief's visit? Is there something that I can do to say thank you for his support for CREA - besides the time with Sec. Norton?

By the way, for the dinner series - I think the gift for the trustees and guests of honor should be busts of Theodore Roosevelt. What do you think?

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From: abramoffj@ [REDACTED]  
 Sent: Friday, June 29, 2001 7:08 PM  
 To: italia@ [REDACTED]  
 Subject: FW:

This office needs to be abolished. It is a sop to the unions and a non-stop trouble causer.

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

From:  
 Sent: Friday, June 29, 2001 11:12 AM  
 To: Jack Abramoff  
 Subject:

This is Pam Brown's last day on the job as the OIA immigration/labor ombudsman or whatever her title is in Saipar. No replacement in site. Might be a good time to see if the position should be filled...)

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Italia Federici

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From: abramoffj@ [REDACTED]  
 Sent: Friday, June 29, 2001 7:08 PM  
 To: italia@ [REDACTED]  
 Subject: thanks so much

I just want to thank you again for all you do for me. I hope I continue to merit your kind friendship. Please do not forget to send me the letter for [REDACTED] so I can get that \$ for you. Also, what was Hugo's name (from today's call) and position? I just want to have it straight in my mind. I am not going to contact him separately. Regards.

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Subj: RE: status  
 Date: 07/18/2001 3:18:55 PM Central Daylight Time  
 From: abramoff@  
 To: KVanhoof@; rudy@; vasells@  
 CC: mike@

I have a call into our guy Steve Griles, the Deputy Secretary and his assistant has a memo on the situation, but since he was just approved on Thursday finally, he is running around like a chicken without his head. Just so I am clear when he and I do hook up, what is our full wish list from them at this point other than to inform him of the situation on the ground and the need, possibly, to get some positive signals from Norton to the Governor? Just want to make sure I make all the asks we need.

-----Original Message-----  
 From: KVanhoof@ (mailto:KVanhoof@)  
 Sent: Wednesday, July 18, 2001 12:13 PM  
 To: abramoff@; rudy@; vasells@  
 Subject: status

Have you had the opportunity to meet w/ Interior regarding the status of the compact, with expiration Tuesday at midnight?

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Wednesday, July 25, 2001 KVanhoof

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Italia Federici

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From: Italia Federici [Italia@██████████]  
 Sent: Wednesday, July 18, 2001 5:26 PM  
 To: abramoffj@██████████  
 Subject: RE: Steve

I will call and try to set it up...

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

From: abramoffj@██████████ [mailto:abramoffj@██████████]  
 Sent: Wednesday, July 18, 2001 4:39 PM  
 To: italia@██████████  
 Subject: Steve

The topics are the OIA position and the Coughattas (who are having trouble with their governor - this is just informational, but they want us to bring it to Gail Norton's attention, so telling Steve would cover it). Thanks.

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Italia Federici

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From: Italia Federici [Italia@██████████]  
 Sent: Friday, July 13, 2001 11:15 AM  
 To: abramoffj@██████████  
 Subject: RE:

I will ask around. When do you get back?

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

From: abramoffj@██████████ [mailto:abramoffj@██████████]  
 Sent: Thursday, July 12, 2001 11:11 PM  
 To: italia@██████████  
 Subject: FW:

Thank G-D! I am returning from Caracas, but leaving for Saipan on Sunday. When I get back, can we get together with Steve? I am really concerned about your statement regarding Mark Zachares not being on the list for OIA. Can you find out what happened? I am sure it is more than likely that the bad guys within, knowing that this guy is so solid, bad mouthed him and torpedoed him. If you could find out, it would be a big favor. Thanks Italia!

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

From: Kerrie Ring [mailto:kerrieandkevin@██████████]  
 Sent: Thursday, July 12, 2001 10:21 PM  
 To: vasellis@██████████, rudyte@██████████, boulangere@██████████, abramoffj@██████████

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**From:** Italia Federici [Italia@████████████████████]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 05, 2001 3:23 PM  
**To:** Jack Abramoff  
**Subject:** Invitation for Cheif Martin



Cheif Martin  
Invitation.doc (2... Thank you again Jack!

--Italia

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Council of  
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July 5, 2001

Chief Philip Martin  
Principle Chief, Mississippi Band of Choctaw  
Philadelphia, Mississippi  
Via facsimile

The Council of Republicans for Environmental Advocacy (CREA) is dedicated to promoting local, common sense solutions to environmental challenges. CREA works with elected representatives and opinion leaders to discuss and debate various approaches to environmental issues.

CREA is honored to invite Chief Philip Martin of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw to join CREA's Board of Trustees and assist us in our educational mission. The dedication of the Board of Trustees greatly enhances our ability to educate the public on Republican environmental principles and accomplishments, as well as continue our research on emerging environmental issues.

Membership in CREA's Board of Trustees is \$50,000 per year. CREA looks forward to working with Chief Martin to change the tone and outcome of the environmental debate for the future.

Thank you and please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Italia Federici  
President  
CREA

Council of  
Republicans for  
Environmental  
Advocacy

Fax

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Memorandum

To: Steve Griles  
cc: Holly Hopkins  
From: Italia Federici  
Date: August 6, 2001  
Re: CREA Dinner

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The Council of Republicans for Environmental Advocacy (CREA) hosts occasional dinners with our friends and supporters from both the private and public sectors. The dinners are intimate and are hosted by Mrs. Julie Finley, a longtime environmental champion and advocate of common sense conservation policies and communication. Julie's home is in Georgetown a short distance from the Naval Observatory and is a wonderful setting for relaxed conversation and dining.

CREA's dinners are designed to be informative and give all participants the opportunity to discuss common environmental and conservation goals and build relationships that are beneficial in communicating this message to a larger audience.

CREA would like to invite Secretary Griles and the Assistant Secretaries from the Department of Interior to join us for one of these dinners sometime during the last two weeks in September.

CREA's supporters will benefit greatly from the expertise and insights of those who are on the frontlines in what is shaping up to be an intense debate about the future of our nation's resources, parks, forests and other national treasures. It is our hope and expectation that CREA's supporters will also be able to provide valuable insights and offer support in helping to fulfill the Interior Department's crucial mission.

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Transmittal Cover Sheet

**TO** Kathy Van Hoof  
**Company**  
**Fax Number** [REDACTED]  
**Phone Number**  
**FROM** Jack Abramoff  
**File Number**  
**Comments**

Dear Kathy,

I hope this finds you well, and look forward to seeing you on Tuesday. I wanted to share an email from Italia Federici, who is president of CREA. If you recall, you guys were very generous to them a few months ago. That donation, in addition to helping us with Norton, qualified you guys to be members of CREA's inner council. They are starting a small dinner series with top officials. The first, on September 24, is described in the attached email. It would be great if you guys could attend. Please let me know.

**Date** Friday, August 17, 2001

**Time** 12:04 PM

**No. Pages** Including this cover sheet 2

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Italia Federici

From: abramoff@██████████  
 Sent: Monday, August 20, 2001 12:34 AM  
 To: italia@██████████  
 Subject: RE: date for dinner 09/24

I am not confident in Hopi, by the way, but let's see what Kevin can do with them. s

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

From: Italia Federici [mailto:italia@██████████]  
 Sent: Wednesday, August 15, 2001 3:41 PM  
 To: Jack Abramoff  
 Subject: date for dinner 09/24

Hi Jack:

Just heard back from Interior and the date for the dinner is Monday, September 24th. Is there anything that you need from me for your invitees? FYI - I left a message for Kevin Ring regarding our conversation about possibly reaching out to the Hopi. Also, Steve is personally inviting everyone from Interior and talking with them about the dinner so I expect a wonderful turnout...

Thanks Jack,  
 --Italia

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email to postmaster@gtlaw.com.

Italia Federici

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From: Italia Federici [italia@██████████]  
 Sent: Monday, August 20, 2001 11:03 AM  
 To: abramoffj@██████████  
 Subject: RE: date for dinner 09/24

That's great news. Thanks so much.

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

From: abramoffj@██████████ [mailto:abramoffj@██████████]  
 Sent: Monday, August 20, 2001 12:34 AM  
 To: italia@██████████  
 Subject: RE: date for dinner 09/24

Great. I expect we'll have ██████████ join and ██████████ though they are not as wealthy, so we might have to get their money in dribs and drabs. I am also pushing ██████████ which should happen.

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

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From: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
 Sent: Thursday, September 20, 2001 8:23 AM  
 To: Roseman, Courtney (AdmAst-DC-Gov/Adm)  
 Subject: RE: FW: Greetings

Yes, but wait till I'm in.

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

From: Roseman, Courtney (AdmAst-DC-Gov/Adm)  
 Sent: Thursday, September 20, 2001 9:10 AM  
 To: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
 Subject: Re: FW: Greetings

I have the invite that Italia emailed to me yesterday. Do you want me to forward it to you?

Courtney Roseman

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

From: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov) <abramoffj@ [REDACTED]>  
 To: Roseman, Courtney (AdmAst-DC-Gov/Adm) <rosemanc@ [REDACTED]>  
 Sent: Thu Sep 20 08:56:02 2001  
 Subject: FW: Greetings

Please call Italia and tell her I might have another candidate to be a trustee and ask if she can email me as an attachment an invitation/letter about the event on Monday so I can forward it to them asap.

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

From: Chris [mailto:cpetrasc@ [REDACTED]]  
 Sent: Thursday, September 20, 2001 6:41 AM  
 To: abramoffj@ [REDACTED]  
 Subject: RE: Greetings

Please do not hesitate to send information to me regarding events or other items you feel are important. I can always present the information to the Council. You may send the information as an attachment that I can print or simply fax the information to my office and to my attention.

I will be in D.C. Tuesday. If scheduling works that would be great. If not, we can always schedule for the near future. Take care.

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

From: abramoffj@ [REDACTED] <abramoffj@ [REDACTED]>  
 To: cpetrasc@ [REDACTED] <cpetrasc@ [REDACTED]>  
 Date: Thursday, September 20, 2001 12:56 AM  
 Subject: RE: Greetings

Tuesday night dinner might work. Will you still be in DC?

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

From: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
 Sent: Wednesday, September 19, 2001 9:46 PM  
 To: 'Chris'  
 Subject: RE: Greetings

Thanks Chris. Actually Monday evening is a very important event which a few tribes are participating in. It is a very small dinner with Sen. Hoxton, Asst. Sec. McKaleb and Dep. Sec. Griles, as well as a number of other Asst. Secs. from Interior. It is for those tribes and others who are trustees of Council for Republican Environmental Advocacy (CREA). I did not push you on this one, since to become a trustee it costs \$50K. All of my tribal clients (Choctaw, Chitimacha, Coushatta and Kirtapool) are participating. I know it is terribly last minute, and probably way out of the range of what you can do right now, but

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I thought I'd mention it to you anyway. CREA is Norton's main group outside the department (she used to be chairman) and they have been incredibly helpful on certain specific tribal issues. Anyway, we'll find another time to get together.

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

From: Chris [mailto:cpetras@██████████]  
 Sent: Wednesday, September 19, 2001 11:46 AM  
 To: abramoffj@██████████  
 Subject: Re: Greetings

I am sorry about having to cancel our dinner for tomorrow. I am traveling, instead, to D.C. on Monday. I spoke with Laura and she indicated that your schedule, with a possible exception Monday evening, is full regarding meal times. If next week is full, perhaps another time will work. Take care. -----Original Message-----

From: abramoffj@██████████ <abramoffj@██████████>  
 To: cpetras@gte.net <cpetras@██████████>  
 Date: Friday, September 14, 2001 3:35 PM  
 Subject: RE: Greetings

Hi. What a crazy situation. I am fine, still at home recovering from surgery. Hope we will get to see each other next Thursday night as planned. Let's reconfirm Thursday morning. Did we pick a location? If not, how about Sushi Taro at 1503 17th Street NW?

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

From: Chris [mailto:cpetras@██████████]  
 Sent: Friday, September 14, 2001 3:25 PM  
 To: abramoffj@██████████  
 Subject: Re: Greetings  
 Greetings

Did you survive Tuesday's event? I had just left a meeting on the Hill and suddenly became part of a massive evacuation from the Capitol and nearby buildings. I may still be in town next week. Please let me know how you are. -----Original Message-----

From: abramoffj@██████████ <abramoffj@██████████>  
 To: cpetras@gte.net <cpetras@gte.net>  
 Date: Tuesday, August 21, 2001 8:08 AM  
 Subject: RE: Greetings

Anyone coming with you (for reservations purposes)? -----Original Message-----

From: Chris [mailto:cpetras@██████████]  
 Sent: Tuesday, August 21, 2001 7:51 AM  
 To: abramoffj@██████████  
 Subject: Re: Greetings  
 Sounds good. 6:00 PM on the 10th, Capitol Grille.

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

From: abramoffj@██████████ <abramoffj@██████████>  
 To: cpetras@██████████ <cpetras@██████████>  
 Cc: rosemanc@██████████ <rosemanc@██████████>  
 Date: Tuesday, August 21, 2001 12:23 AM  
 Subject: RE: Greetings  
 Capitol Grille?

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

From: Chris [mailto:cpetras@██████████]  
 Sent: Monday, August 20, 2001 4:28 PM  
 To: abramoffj@██████████  
 Subject: Re: Greetings  
 Sounds good. Just let me know where you would like to dine.

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

From: abramoffj@██████████ <abramoffj@██████████>  
 To: cpetras@██████████ <cpetras@██████████>  
 Cc: rosemanc@██████████ <rosemanc@██████████>  
 Date: Monday, August 20, 2001 3:23 PM  
 Subject: RE: Greetings

An early dinner would work on the 10th. 6 PM?

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

From: Chris [mailto:cpetras@██████████]  
 Sent: Monday, August 20, 2001 2:57 PM  
 To: abramoffj@██████████  
 Subject: Re: Greetings  
 Jack,

Would the week before work? Say dinner on the 10th or 11th? -----Original Message-----

From: abramoffj@ [redacted] <abramoffj@ [redacted]>  
To: cpetras@ [redacted] <cpetras@ [redacted]>  
Date: Monday, August 20, 2001 2:11 PM  
Subject: RE: Greetings  
Hi Chris. I'd love to, but it's Rosh HaShannah (the Jewish New Year) and I will be unavailable since these days are the same as our Sabbath to us. Let me know when you are next here. Regards.

-----Original Message-----  
From: Chris [mailto:cpetras@ [redacted]]  
Sent: Monday, August 20, 2001 2:12 PM  
To: abramoffj@ [redacted]  
Subject: Greetings  
Jack

I will be in town September 18th, is dinner on that day a possibility? Take care.

Chris  
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**From:** Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 20, 2001 10:38 AM  
**To:** 'Chris Petras - Saginaw Chippewa'  
**Subject:** FW: Directions to CREA Trustee Dinner

Here is the invite letter. Let me know if this is what you need.

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

**From:** Italia Federici [mailto:italia@██████████]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 19, 2001 3:42 PM  
**To:** rosemanc@██████████  
**Subject:** FW: Directions to CREA Trustee Dinner

This email is to confirm details for the dinner party being held on September 24, at 6:30pm at the home of Julie Finley - ██████████. Directions follow.

This dinner is with the Interior Department - Secretary Norton, Deputy Secretary Griles, Solicitor Bill Myers, Assist. Sec. Lynn Scarlett (OPNE), Assist. Sec. Bennett Raley (OWS), Assist. Sec. Neil McCaleb (OIA), Nominee Kathleen Clarke (BLM), and Director of Congressional Affairs Dave Bernhardt will be in attendance.

The purpose of this dinner is to introduce Interior folks to our favorite friends and supporters. The main topic of discussion will be ways CREA, working with our friends, can help Interior reach the American public with the a positive and unfiltered conservation message.

From Capitol Hill:

Take Massachusetts Avenue approximately 4 miles to the Naval Observatory (Vice President's mansion). Turn right onto ██████████. Turn right at the first light onto ██████████. Take the first right onto ██████████. ██████████ is the first house on the left.

In case you need to reach me the night of the event my cell phone number is ██████████

We look forward to seeing you!

--Italia

Subj: RE: FW: Directions to CREA Trustee Dinner  
 Date: 09/20/2001 5:17:37 PM Central Daylight Time  
 From: abramoffj@██████████  
 To: KVanhoof@██████████

Great. The event will be three tables of nine people. The chairman will be seated with Secretary Norton. You will be with Deputy Secretary Steve Griles (who is the one who gets everything done anyway). Should be a great evening. Please let me know when you guys will be arriving so we can arrange a car. *N/A*

-----Original Message-----  
 From: KVanhoof@██████████mailto:KVanhoof@██████████  
 Sent: Thursday, September 20, 2001 5:35 PM  
 To: abramoffj@██████████  
 Subject: Re: FW: Directions to CREA Trustee Dinner

Yes, as of today, its the chairman and me.

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 To: KVanhoof@██████████

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Thursday, September 20, 2001 ██████████ KVanhoof



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From: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov) [mailto:jack@wdc.gov] on behalf of Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
 Sent: Friday, September 21, 2001 8:21 AM  
 To: Ring, Kevin (Shld-DC-Gov)  
 Subject: RE: CREA dinner

Yes, that sounds right.

-----Original Message-----  
 From: Ring, Kevin (Shld-DC-Gov)  
 Sent: Friday, September 21, 2001 9:18 AM  
 To: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
 Subject: RE: CREA dinner

Is it Hugo?

-----Original Message-----  
 From: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
 Sent: Thursday, September 20, 2001 7:32 PM  
 To: Ring, Kevin (Shld-DC-Gov)  
 Subject: RE: CREA dinner

Yes, but I can't think of the guy's name either.

-----Original Message-----  
 From: Ring, Kevin (Shld-DC-Gov)  
 Sent: Thursday, September 20, 2001 7:23 PM  
 To: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
 Subject: RE: CREA dinner

We need to re-establish our contact with ~~what's his name in the solicitor's office~~. He was a good guy and would be nice to have someone on the inside like that.

And, yes, I will attend this event.

-----Original Message-----  
 From: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
 Sent: Thursday, September 20, 2001 7:20 PM  
 To: Vasell, Shawn (Dir-DC-Gov); Ring, Kevin (Shld-DC-Gov)  
 Subject: CREA dinner

CREA (Italia Federico) is having a small dinner Monday night (24th) at the home of Julie Finley for its trustees. Choctaw, Chitimacha and Coushatta are trustees and Terry Martin, Chief Poncho and Kathy Van Hoof will be attending. I have secured each of you a place at a table for the dinner.

Shawn, you will be sitting with Neil McCaleb, his wife, Lynn Scarlett, Terry Martin, and Interior Solicitor Bill Myers. Kevin, you will be sitting with Griles, Kathy Van Hoof (Coushatta), Bennett Railey (sp?) Asst Sec Water and Science. I will be with Chief Poncho, Sec Norton, Dave Bernhard Cong Affairs and Italia. There will be others at each of these tables, which will hold a total of nine. Please confirm that you can be at this very important dinner. Thanks.

Italia Federici

From: Italia Federici [Italia@██████████]  
 Sent: Friday, September 21, 2001 2:32 PM  
 To: Jack Abramoff  
 Subject: CREA contributions

Hi Jack:

I was wondering if you knew when we could expect the Trustees contributions from ██████████ and the remainder of ██████████. We are trying to have the Trustees contributions in as soon as possible so we can make some payments and budget for the next quarter.

We are all set for Monday night! It's going to be a great evening. Tom Sansonetti, AAG for Natural Resources will also be joining us too.

--Italia

Italia Federici

From: Italia Federici [Italia@██████████]  
 Sent: Wednesday, September 19, 2001 3:58 PM  
 To: Jack Abramoff  
 Subject: Directions to CREA Trustee Dinner

This email is to confirm details for the dinner party being held on September 24, at 1:30pm at the home of Julie Finley - ██████████. Directions follow.

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In case you need to reach me the night of the event my cell phone number is ██████████

We look forward to seeing you!

--Italia

From: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov) [mailto:jack@wdc.recipients.abramoff] on behalf of Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
 Sent: Sunday, September 23, 2001 10:58 PM  
 To: Italia Federici  
 Subject: RE: CREA contributions

thanks Italia. Let's chat tomorrow. I'll be in around noon or so.

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

From: Italia Federici [mailto:italia@wdc.recipients.abramoff]  
 Sent: Sunday, September 23, 2001 10:53 PM  
 To: abramoffj@wdc.recipients.abramoff  
 Subject: RE: CREA contributions

Thanks Jack! Can you call me tomorrow at some point? I wanted to talk to you about one of the guests I invited for tomorrow and get your thoughts. Hope you had a nice weekend...

--Italia

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

From: abramoffj@wdc.recipients.abramoff [mailto:abramoffj@wdc.recipients.abramoff]  
 Sent: Friday, September 21, 2001 5:07 PM  
 To: italia@wdc.recipients.abramoff  
 Subject: RE: CREA contributions

Hi Italia. Choctaw will come through with the \$90K some time next month (they are over budget for this fiscal year, which ends at the end of the month). Kikapoo is going to give in two parts of \$25K each, starting next month. Chitimacha has, I believe, already sent over some (was it \$10K?) and will cash flow the rest as soon as they can.

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

From: Italia Federici [mailto:italia@wdc.recipients.abramoff]  
 Sent: Friday, September 21, 2001 2:32 PM  
 To: Jack Abramoff  
 Subject: CREA contributions

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--Italia

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CREA Advisory Committee Member and our Hostess

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talia Federici

From: abramoffj@  
 Sent: Tuesday, September 25, 2001 11:54 AM  
 To: talia@  
 Subject: You are the greatest!!!!

The event last night was outstanding!! Bravo! I am so jazzed to do more, I cannot tell you. For openers, I have an idea. I have a fantastic box at the Redskins stadium. How about you come this Sunday and see it (invite Steve to come with his family also), and we'll all discuss my doing a fund raiser there for you guys? Let me know as soon as you can. By the way, if not Steve, there might be others you want to consider (just let me know). I think Ashcroft and his guys will also be there. 1 PM game. Let me know. Cheers.

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Italia Federici

From: abramoffj@  
 Sent: Monday, September 24, 2001 12:47 AM  
 To: Italia@  
 Subject: RE: CREA contributions

thanks Italia. Let's chat tomorrow. I'll be in around noon or so.

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

From: Italia Federici [mailto:italia@]  
 Sent: Sunday, September 23, 2001 10:53 PM  
 To: abramoffj@  
 Subject: RE: CREA contributions

Thanks Jack! Can you call me tomorrow at some point? I wanted to talk to you about one of the guests I invited for tomorrow and get your thoughts. Hope you had a nice weekend...

--Italia

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

From: abramoffj@ (mailto:abramoffj@)  
 Sent: Friday, September 21, 2001 5:07 PM  
 To: italia@  
 Subject: RE: CREA contributions

Hi Italia. [redacted] will come through [redacted] some time next month (they are over budget for this fiscal year, which ends at the end of the month). [redacted] is going to give in [redacted] starting next month. [redacted] has, I believe, already sent out some [redacted] (was it [redacted] and

call out to [REDACTED] We'll corral these horses one way or another!

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

From: Italia Federici [mailto:italia@REDACTED]  
Sent: Thursday, October 04, 2001 12:39 PM  
To: Jack Abramoff  
Subject:

Hi Jack:

I just wanted to check in and see if there is any way you can help us facilitate the October contributions soon. We have a lot of stuff that comes due in the first week of the month and the [REDACTED] checks would be a huge help!

Ahhh - the glamorous world of non-profit work - about one half step above beggar!

Thanks Jack!

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**From:** Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 16, 2001 6:57 AM  
**To:** Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
**Subject:** RE: contributions

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

**From:** Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 16, 2001 7:56 AM  
**To:** Nell Rogers  
**Subject:** contributions

Hi Nell. I have held back a number of contribution requests until the beginning of the new fiscal year, and am still trying to get you guys a chance to get caught up, but I received a call yesterday asking if you might be able to do that contribution to CREA, Interior Sec Gail Norton's former organization, which we discussed a few months ago. They are hurting right now (apparently one of their main supporters was killed in the 9-11 tragedy). Here is the information. Thanks.

Contribution: \$50,000  
Committee for Republican Environmental Advocacy  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov) [/o=US/ou=WDC/cn=Recipients/cn=abramoff] on behalf of Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2001 3:33 PM  
**To:** 'Italia Federici'  
**Subject:** RE: guess what I am holding...

My great pleasure! Now on to Kickapoo, and then to reload for Coushatta!

-----Original Message-----  
**From:** Italia Federici [mailto:italia@...]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2001 1:25 PM  
**To:** abramoffj@...  
**Subject:** RE: guess what I am holding...

That's great news! Thanks you, Thanks you!

-----Original Message-----  
**From:** abramoffj@... [mailto:abramoffj@...]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2001 6:49 AM  
**To:** italia@...  
**Subject:** guess what I am holding...

I am in Mississippi, returning tonight. I have the \$50K CREA check in hand. You'll have it tomorrow.:-)

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**From:** Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 02, 2002 7:10 PM  
**To:** Williams, Michael E. (Dir-DC-Gov)  
**Subject:** RE: FW: dates for another dinner?

Norton attending the one she did in October. We had Chitimacha and Coushatta there.

-----Original Message-----  
**From:** Williams, Michael E. (Dir-DC-Gov)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 02, 2002 7:40 PM  
**To:** Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
**Subject:** Re: FW: dates for another dinner?

Can she get Gayle Norton to attend. Why not start at the top.

-----Original Message-----  
**From:** Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov) <abramoffj@...>  
**To:** Ring, Kevin (Shld-DC-Gov) <ringk@...>; Vasell, Shawn (Dir-DC-Gov) <vasell@...>; Rudy, Tony (Shld-DC-Gov) <rudyt@...>; Williams, Michael E. (Dir-DC-Gov) <williamsme@...>; Boulanger, Todd (Dir-DC-Gov) <boulanger@...>  
**Sent:** Wed Jan 02 19:37:52 2002  
**Subject:** FW: dates for another dinner?

She has the ability to get folks to these dinners. Who should we get to come?

-----Original Message-----  
**From:** Italia Federici [mailto:italia@...]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 02, 2002 4:36 PM  
**To:** Jack Abramoff  
**Subject:** dates for another dinner?

Hi Jack:  
We are ready to plan another one of our CREA dinners with Julie Finley. Are there any dates that are not good for within the next six weeks? I know that you won't want to do anything before the 22nd of January b/c of Signatures. Also, I propose that the target for this dinner be intergovernmental relations folks from a number of the agencies. If you like that idea, we will focus on the folks from each agency who you need to work with on CNMI and Indian issues. Let me know what you think and if we should alter are target audience! --Italia

From: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov) [/o=GTLAW/ou=WDC/cn=Recipients/cn=abramoff] on behalf of Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
 Sent: Thursday, January 03, 2002 7:51 AM  
 To: Ring, Kevin (Shld-DC-Gov)  
 Subject: RE: FW: dates for another dinner?

Can you coordinate with Italia on a list of invitees, to include the head of BIA? Can you contact her?

-----Original Message-----  
 From: Ring, Kevin (Shld-DC-Gov)  
 Sent: Wednesday, January 02, 2002 8:21 PM  
 To: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
 Subject: RE: FW: dates for another dinner?

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Kevin Ring

-----Original Message-----  
 From: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov) <abramoffj@...>  
 To: Ring, Kevin (Shld-DC-Gov) <kring@...>  
 Sent: Wed Jan 02 20:09:43 2002  
 Subject: RE: FW: dates for another dinner?

Administration personnel. We can figure out the clients pretty easily.

-----Original Message-----  
 From: Ring, Kevin (Shld-DC-Gov)  
 Sent: Wednesday, January 02, 2002 7:41 PM  
 To: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
 Subject: Re: FW: dates for another dinner?

What do you mean -- Clients? Or Administration personnel?  
 Kevin Ring

-----Original Message-----  
 From: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov) <abramoffj@...>  
 To: Ring, Kevin (Shld-DC-Gov) <kring@...>; Vasell, Shawn (Dir-DC-Gov) <vasells@...>; Rudy, Tony (Shld-DC-Gov) <rudy@...>; Williams, Michael E. (Dir-DC-Gov) <williams@...>; Boulanger, Todd (Dir-DC-Gov) <boulangert@...>  
 Sent: Wed Jan 02 19:37:52 2002  
 Subject: FW: dates for another dinner?

She has the ability to get folks to these dinners. Who should we get to come?

-----Original Message-----  
 From: Italia Federici [mailto:italia@...]  
 Sent: Wednesday, January 02, 2002 4:36 PM  
 To: Jack Abramoff  
 Subject: dates for another dinner?

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you like that idea, we will focus on the folks from each agency who you need to work with on CNMI and Indian issues. Let me know what you think and if we should alter are target audience! --Italia

From: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov) [mailto:jack@wcd.com] on behalf of Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
Sent: Thursday, January 03, 2002 2:21 PM  
To: Boulanger, Todd (Dir-DC-Gov)  
Subject: RE: Italia Meeting

Put together an email which I can send to her and I'll see what we can do.

-----Original Message-----  
From: Boulanger, Todd (Dir-DC-Gov)  
Sent: Thursday, January 03, 2002 2:45 PM  
To: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
Subject: RE: Italia Meeting

Getting in the budget is huge, plus it looks good to the client getting a quick kill in January.

-----Original Message-----  
From: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
Sent: Thursday, January 03, 2002 2:42 PM  
To: Boulanger, Todd (Dir-DC-Gov)  
Subject: RE: Italia Meeting

I don't think she has juice beyond Interior.

-----Original Message-----  
From: Boulanger, Todd (Dir-DC-Gov)  
Sent: Thursday, January 03, 2002 2:24 PM  
To: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
Subject: RE: Italia Meeting

Yes, can she get shaft in the President's budget to congress.

If we could put [redacted] in the budget we'd be 90% done for the year because our friends would have a leg to stand on and demand that it be included in the appropriate bills.

-----Original Message-----  
From: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
Sent: Thursday, January 03, 2002 2:22 PM  
To: Boulanger, Todd (Dir-DC-Gov)  
Subject: RE: Italia Meeting

Can Italia do so?

-----Original Message-----  
From: Boulanger, Todd (Dir-DC-Gov)  
Sent: Thursday, January 03, 2002 2:03 PM  
To: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
Subject: Italia Meeting

Can she get some general requests into the President's budget?

Funding for the Choclay  
For Homes in Fossil Energy, etc.



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From: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov) [mailto:jack@wdc/cn=Recipients/cn=abramoff] on behalf of Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
Sent: Thursday, January 17, 2002 7:04 PM  
To: Ring, Kevin (Shld-DC-Gov)  
Subject: RE: Sansonetti

Yes! Good idea. Call Italia and ask her to help us with this. Choctaw gave them \$50K.

-----Original Message-----  
From: Ring, Kevin (Shld-DC-Gov)  
Sent: Thursday, January 17, 2002 4:32 PM  
To: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
Subject: Sansonetti

Think he might be able to help at Justice?  
Kevin Ring

From: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov) [/o=...=WDC/cn=Recipients/cn=abramoff] on behalf of Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
 Sent: Friday, January 18, 2002 9:56 AM  
 To: Bozniak, Allison R. (AdmAsst-DC-Gov/Adm)  
 Subject: FW: SAGINAW: Gun Lake tribe applies to put land in U.S. trust for casino / GRP

Please fax this to Italia - ask her whether she has email and if not where to fax this, and please get her on the phone to me at the house.

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

From: Wilson, Padgett (AsstDir-DC-Gov)  
 Sent: Friday, January 18, 2002 10:30 AM  
 To: DC-Saginaw  
 Subject: SAGINAW: Gun Lake tribe applies to put land in U.S. trust for casino / GRP

The Grand Rapids Press  
 Thursday, January 17, 2002  
 City & Region  
 Gun Lake tribe applies to put land in U.S. trust for casino  
 Garrison Wells / The Grand Rapids Press

The Gun Lake Band of Pottawotomi has identified 10 parcels of land it wants to put into federal trust, only two of which would be used for a casino, according to documents filed with the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The other eight sites are located near Boot Lake, Moore Lake and Indian Lake in Wayland Township, according to the tribe's application to put land into trust, which was obtained through the Freedom of Information Act.

All are east of U.S. 131 near 129th Avenue and a few miles east of the vacant Ampro Industries Inc. building, where the tribe wants to build a 180,000-square-foot casino complex.

The resort, a half-hour south of Grand Rapids, also would include a hotel and golf course.

Under the Indian Gaming and Regulation Act, any land that the tribe plans to use must be put into federal trust by the Bureau of Indian Affairs before anything can be built.

Among possible uses for the land are a recreational center, lands for hunting and fishing, administration facilities and other non-gaming uses.

The tribe filed its application Aug. 7, more than a month before the state Legislature narrowly killed a bill that would have forced Gov. John Engler to negotiate a deal for the casino.

Tribal officials repeatedly have denied they have filed to put land into trust, a necessary step toward building the proposed casino.

In a July 26 letter to Gun Lake tribal Chairman D.K. Sprague supporting the application, Wayland Township Supervisor Randy Marklevitz says the Township Board supports the band's application to put "various parcels of land within the township into federal trust status."

Two parcels are "located directly north of 129th Avenue ... Seven parcels are located in the vicinity of Indian Lake and Moore Lake ... and one parcel is located just south of Boot Lake," Marklevitz says in the letter.

Township officials "believe that the casino development will be compatible with surrounding land uses and be an asset to our community," Marklevitz adds. "The Township Board would like to work as a partner with the Gun Lake Tribe to create economic opportunities within the township, which will allow us to preserve our rural character and viability as a community."

Marklevitz declined further comment this week.

Todd Boorsma, head of West Michigan Gaming Opposition, a local group formed to fight the proposed casino, said he was not surprised that the tribe wanted to put multiple parcels of land into trust.

"We knew all along that they had a lot of parcels of land they were looking at," Boorsma said.

West Michigan GO, he added, has flooded Interior Secretary Gayle Norton with letters fighting the tribe's effort to get land into trust.

Tribal officials declined to comment on the land sites and application to put land into trust. Questions had to be submitted in writing to the Tribal Council, which meets today.

The tribe's application also includes letters of support from the city of Wayland, which has agreed to provide fire protection for the proposed casino, and the Wayland Area EMS and Allegan County Sheriff's Office, which have agreed to provide services to the tribe.

The application also reveals that the Ampro building site has been sold to a company called PCS Acquisition Co., based in Detroit, for \$1. PCS is holding the site for the tribe until the land has been put into trust.

Joseph Shannon, the Detroit lawyer with Jaffe, Raitt, Heuer & Weiss, the registered agent for PCS, did not return telephone calls.

Italia Federici

From: abramoffj@  
 Sent: Sunday, January 27, 2002 12:34 PM  
 To: Italia@  
 Subject: RE: Hi Italia

Thanks Italia. Great you are back on line. I have another urgent issue which has come up and which we need to get to Steve immediately. There is a tribe in Mississippi and Louisiana called the "Jena Choctaw". They are a federally recognized tribe and are trying to get a gambling compact in Mississippi and/or Louisiana. The Jena are also trying to get land put into trust (ostensibly for "economic development" but really for gambling). This is totally horrible for both the Choctaw in Mississippi and the Coushatta. The Interior Department BIA has sent a letter out (I will fax this to you right now at the [redacted] number) soliciting local input, as if they are going to do this!! we have to squash this very, very hard and fast. Please let me know if you think I should come in and see Steve on this. The last time the bureaucrats at BIA did this, they put land in [redacted] district into trust, or tried, and were bashed by the WH, as you may recall. This was a week or so ago. At the end, they took it out of trust. These guys need to not put any land into trust without all of us signing off. Please let me know if you get this email OK, and I'll send the fax now. Thanks Italia.

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

From: Italia Federici [mailto:italia@]  
 Sent: Sunday, January 27, 2002 11:03 AM  
 To: abramoffj@  
 Subject: RE: Hi Italia

Hi Jack:

I meet with folks tomorrow and I will call you tomorrow in the early evening - maybe 5:30 or 6pm. My meeting is late in the day...have a good rest of the weekend!

--Italia

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

From: abramoffj@ [mailto:abramoffj@]  
 Sent: Saturday, January 26, 2002 8:28 PM  
 To: italia@ [mailto:italia@] Italiacre@  
 Subject: Hi Italia

Any word on getting the Chief a meeting with Gale? Please let me know as soon as you can. Thanks so much. By the way, [redacted] they have another [redacted] to you very soon as well.

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From: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov) [mailto:jack@wdc.com] on behalf of Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2002 4:08 PM  
To: 'Italia Federici'  
Subject: update

Just wanted to let you know that I had a great discussion today with the Choctaws and they are moving their next \$50K contribution very quickly. I hope we'll have it very soon. Also, [REDACTED] and we expect they will approve it (also \$50K) within this week. Just thought I'd give you some happy news. Regards.

**REDACTED**

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From: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov) [mailto:jack@wdc/cn=Recipients/cn=abramoff] on behalf of Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
 Sent: Thursday, January 31, 2002 5:18 PM  
 To: Boznjak, Allison R. (AdmAS1-DC-Gov/Adm)  
 Subject: FW: Lets Roll now!

  
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Please add in \$50,000 for CREA and put a note in the candidate column as follows: Sec. Norton. Then, please print this and attach to the following letter, which needs to be fed ex'd to Nell Rogers:

Dear Nell,

Per our previous discussions, attached please find the list of political contributions which would be helpful if the tribe could make. If you do them as a big group, it'll give us a great visual for the Congress, but if you can't that's fine too.

Thanks.

Regards,

Jack

-----Original Message-----  
 From: Rudy, Tony (Shld-DC-Gov)  
 Sent: Thursday, January 31, 2002 4:49 PM  
 To: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
 Subject: Lets Roll now!

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From: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
Sent: Tuesday, February 05, 2002 11:28 AM  
To: Leger, Stephanie K. (Assoc-DC-Gov/Adm)  
Cc: Mike Scanlon alt  
Subject: Interior

I just returned from meeting the Dep Sec. the Jena compact is moving fast, and there is a land in trust application with it from the Governor. If we don't get some movement from the delegation very quickly, we are going to lose this. right now, they are moving to approve it, based on the comments they made.

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**From:** Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 12, 2002 8:19 AM  
**To:** Boulanger, Todd (Dir-DC-Gov)  
**Subject:** RE: Political Contribution Requests

CREA is Council for Republican Environmental Advocacy. The trustees group (which the other tribes do) is \$50K. this is the group which Norton was chairman of before she went to DoI and which she supports still. Asking him for another \$50 is going to knock his socks off. Call him and tell him that this was inadvertently left off the list and ask what we should do, since Norton is very soon going to host another dinner of the trustees (he is aware of the last one) and we want to make sure they are included.

-----Original Message-----  
**From:** Boulanger, Todd (Dir-DC-Gov)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 12, 2002 9:13 AM  
**To:** Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
**Subject:** RE: Political Contribution Requests

The list they approved was sent a while ago. You mentioned the CREA request to me and Chris when he was in town with Otto (remember in your office). I will inform him. How much?

What does CREA stand for? He requires short descriptions of PACs and campaigns so he can explain it to the council. Also, do you have an address for the organization?

-----Original Message-----  
**From:** Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 12, 2002 9:08 AM  
**To:** Boulanger, Todd (Dir-DC-Gov)  
**Subject:** RE: Political Contribution Requests

Todd, did we not request money for CREA from them? that's our access to Norton. We need \$ for them more than many of these others. I can't find them on the list, but I can't even recall if we discussed it. did we?

-----Original Message-----  
**From:** Boulanger, Todd (Dir-DC-Gov)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 15, 2002 12:53 PM  
**To:** cpetras@...  
**Cc:** Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
**Subject:** Political Contribution Requests  
**Importance:** High

Chris, per your request please find attached 3 Word documents (House Leadership, Republican and Democratic contribution requests). These are our "wish lists" for the 2nd session of the 107th Congress. If you have any questions, please give me a call. Thanks.

<< File: House Leadership Requests (2002 - campaign dollars).DOC >>      << File: Saginaw Democratic Contribution Request.DOC >>      << File: Saginaw Republican Contribution Request.doc >>

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**From:** Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 12, 2002 7:09 PM  
**To:** Boulanger, Todd (Dir-DC-Gov)  
**Subject:** RE: Contribution Request Matrix -- with Member/Committee Names/Addresses/Amount

We are meeting them tomorrow and will get it sorted out.

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

**From:** Boulanger, Todd (Dir-DC-Gov)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 12, 2002 3:06 PM  
**To:** Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
**Subject:** RE: Contribution Request Matrix -- with Member/Committee Names/Addresses/Amount

What a cluster that tribe is. We are so close to nailing down projects for them. I have a feeling they are going to blow it. All the letters and paperwork is almost done and/or ready to go.

Even if we had to take some money out of our retainer to pay Scanlon to work the ground for them for crying out loud...

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

**From:** Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 12, 2002 3:01 PM  
**To:** Boulanger, Todd (Dir-DC-Gov)  
**Subject:** RE: Contribution Request Matrix -- with Member/Committee Names/Addresses/Amount

I am going there tomorrow by the way, on the way back from Nevada. Meeting with our slate on the council, chief, subchief, et al, to make sure they start doing the local political work they need to do to stay in power.

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

**From:** Boulanger, Todd (Dir-DC-Gov)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 12, 2002 11:38 AM  
**To:** Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
**Subject:** RE: Contribution Request Matrix -- with Member/Committee Names/Addresses/Amount

He said he would go back to the council with it shortly. He wanted to hold off until we got the \$270K or so in hand to give out...then go back for another line item. I think if we tell them about the next meeting (who is going to be there, yadda yadda)...plus the Choctaw are there, they'll give the money.

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

**From:** Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 12, 2002 11:35 AM  
**To:** Boulanger, Todd (Dir-DC-Gov)  
**Subject:** Re: Contribution Request Matrix -- with Member/Committee Names/Addresses/Amount

Did he respond to the crea request?  
 Jack Abramoff

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

**From:** Boulanger, Todd (Dir-DC-Gov) <boulangerT@██████████>  
**To:** 'cpetras@██████████' <cpetras@██████████>  
**CC:** Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov) <abramoffj@██████████>  
**Sent:** Tue Feb 12 11:34:16 2002

Subject: Contribution Request Matrix -- with Member/Committee Names/Addresses/Amount

Chris, I'm pretty sure this is what you are looking for.....let me know if you need any additional information on the matrix. Thanks for expediting the process. --Todd

From: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
 Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2002 9:22 AM  
 To: Mike Scanlon office  
 Subject: FW: CREA Request

This will help us get William scared about Blue Lake, hopefully increasing our budget.

-----Original Message-----  
 From: Boulanger, Todd (Dir-DC-Gov)  
 Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2002 10:15 AM  
 To: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
 Subject: RE: CREA Request

Great..... Kevin is going to draft the CATs letter to the president and Norton saying "no more Indian gaming expansion"..... I want to light a fire under Griles's ass.

-----Original Message-----  
 From: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
 Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2002 10:13 AM  
 To: Boulanger, Todd (Dir-DC-Gov)  
 Subject: FW: CREA Request  
 Importance: High

They are supposed to approve the CREA contribution this morning.

-----Original Message-----  
 From: Boulanger, Todd (Dir-DC-Gov)  
 Sent: Tuesday, February 12, 2002 9:31 AM  
 To: 'cpefas@' [mailto:cpefas@]  
 Subject: CREA Request  
 Importance: High

Chris, I just noticed that the CREA (Council for Republican Environmental Advocacy) contribution was inadvertently left off the list (remember we discussed it with Jack when Sub chief Otto was in town?). As you know, CREA is the group which Secretary Norton was chairman of before she went to DoI and which she still strongly supports. A \$50,000 contribution is required to be a trustee of the organization. All of our tribes have given at this level and have found it very beneficial. Secretary Norton is very soon going to host another dinner of the trustees and we want to make sure that the Saginaw Chippewa's tribal leadership is included.

We strongly recommend that the Saginaw Chippewa play an active role with this organization. What is your recommendation on how to proceed?

I am sorry that this wasn't included in the most updated request matrix. This is my fault. -Todd

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Italia Federici

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From: abramoffj@██████████  
 Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2002 10:13 AM  
 To: italia@██████████  
 Subject: did you get to Steve?

This is being reported in the media:

In Washington, D.C., the U.S. Department of the Interior reportedly has indicated they will approve the United Auburn Tribal nation's application for land-into-trust for a new casino project. Interior reportedly will enter its decision into the Federal Register within 10 days.

I sure hope he focuses on this Jena thing. It directly screws the Coshattas. They have to sign or reject within the next few (10?) days. I am really worried about this. What can we do?

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Italia Federici

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From: abramoffj@██████████  
 Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2002 9:27 PM  
 To: italia@██████████  
 Subject: RE: DOI Inspector General Special Agent Here on the Reservation

Thanks Italia. This is really, really horrible. This is something that the Clinton guys were doing to the Chief, and that the BIA is continuing this now is unconscionable.

-----Original Message-----  
 From: Italia Federici [mailto:italia@██████████]  
 Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2002 9:13 PM  
 To: abramoffj@██████████  
 Subject: RE: DOI Inspector General Special Agent Here on the Reservation

Hey Jack:

Just letting you know I got it. I'll call you in the morning to discuss.

--Italia

-----Original Message-----  
 From: abramoffj@██████████ (mailto:abramoffj@██████████)  
 Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2002 7:55 PM  
 To: italia@██████████  
 Subject: FW: DOI Inspector General Special Agent Here on the Reservation

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From: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov) [mailto:jack@ou=WDC/cn=Recipients/cn=abramoffj] on behalf of Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
Sent: Friday, February 15, 2002 8:33 AM  
To: 'Mike Scanlon'  
Subject: RE: shit

Let me see if I can get him to do everything, and I mean everything in town for \$100K or less. Get me a list of what you think he should be doing.

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

From: Mike Scanlon [mailto:mike@██████████]  
Sent: Friday, February 15, 2002 9:13 AM  
To: abramoffj@██████████  
Subject: Re: shit

Tried calling you. All we have left is 160k if you wanna give it to him ill send it down. I'm on cell if you for a while.

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

From: abramoffj@██████████.com <abramoffj@██████████>  
To: Mike Scanlon <mike@██████████>  
Sent: Fri Feb 15 08:18:02 2002  
Subject: shit

I just got a call from Italia. Steve told her that, as of now, Norton is going to sign the Jena deal. We have to ratchet this up. For openers, we must get the national Christian groups going. I am going to chat with Reed and try to get a price, but we are going to have to do something. We have to turn up the heat on this. we cannot lose this. I just tried to call your cell. Can you call me asap at home?

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Italia Federici

From: abramoff@  
 Sent: Wednesday, February 20, 2002 4:24 PM  
 To: italia@  
 Subject: Norton meeting with Gov Foster next week

Gale is meeting with Louisiana Governor Foster next week. He is going to lobby her to approve the compact he signed in the dead of the night. She needs to tell him no. how can we get in there?

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Italia Federici

From: abramoff@  
 Sent: Tuesday, February 19, 2002 11:53 PM  
 To: italia@  
 Subject: Jena situation

This is really getting out of control. Did you have a chance to speak with Steve about this? Please let me know. this is literally killing the Coushattas. Please note this article. Please give me an update when you can. Thanks.

Advance copy of John Maginnis' weekly newspaper column, published beginning February 20, 2002. A subscription bonus for e-mail subscribers of Louisiana Political Fax Weekly FEBRUARY 18, 2002

POLITICS / JOHN MAGINNIS  
 GREAT WHITE FATHER RESHUFFLES GAMBLING DECK  
 Gov. Mike Foster's signing of a compact to allow the Jena Choctaws to build a casino in Vinton may go down as his most fateful gambling decision of the many he has made since he first claimed to be the anti-gambling governor. With the stroke of the gubernatorial pen, this once-roaming band of nomads has arrived, in style, at the doorstep of potentially the state's largest casino market. If approved by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the compact with its 15.5 percent share of profits dedicated to state public education, would become a feature of future agreements with Louisiana tribes and beyond.  
 The Jena Choctaws' planned huge new casino and 500-room hotel just off I-10 near the Texas border could rearrange the whole southwest gambling market from the state's first racetrack slots parlor nearby to the two pair of riverboats on Lake Charles to the ambitious Bienville casino resort still seeking financing.  
 But by far the new compact's most profound and threatening impact will be felt by the Coushatta tribe, which, for now, operates the state's largest casino just up the road in Kinder. Once the Jena cut them off at the Sabine, the Coushatta will go from dominating the market to struggling to hold on to a smaller piece of the action.

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Date: February 21, 2002

To: Eric Ruff

Fax: [REDACTED]

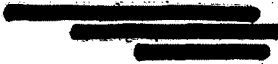
From: T. G. [REDACTED]

Notes: here is the info we talked  
about

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Memorandum

To: Eric Ruff  
 From: Italia Federici *IF*  
 Date: February 21, 2001  
 Re: press clippings

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Hi Eric:

Here are two articles that were forwarded to me today. You can see from one that Ralph Reed and his firm are involved somehow. From what I have been told, Ralph is working with Doolittle (don't know whether for free or as a paid consultant), and has been bending the ear of Karl Rove and possibly even the President about land-in-trust and gaming issues.

I am also hearing that Ralph has involved James Dobson and Phyllis Schlafly with this. Supposedly, Dobson is planning to run ads and they mention Gale by name. He is anti-gambling and is incensed about land being set aside for gaming or that could potentially become the site of gaming. He has slammed Tom DeLay and is not known for his even temper.

I was also told that the Conservative Action Team (CATs) members have been asked to sign a letter to Gale and the President slamming DOI for the California and Louisiana situations. I was told they have congressional 50 signatures. I tried to verify this. I called Tom Tancredo (friend of Gale and mine and member of CATs) to ask him what he knew. He is in Turkey until Sunday night. You may be able to call someone you know to find out what they have heard.

At any rate, it looks like Doolittle is not giving up and that the conservatives are being mobilized. The email with Ralph Reed's name indicates that he is engaged somehow.

Just wanted to give you a heads-up about what I've been hearing...

-Italia



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**Italia Federici**

From: abramoffj@[REDACTED]  
 Sent: Friday, February 22, 2002 11:29 AM  
 To: italia@[REDACTED]  
 Subject: FW: [REDACTED]

This is the [REDACTED]. He is coming in on Monday. Given everything going on, can we possibly get him a meeting with Gale and Steve, so at least they can [REDACTED]. Please let me know. thanks.

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

Subject: [REDACTED]

Hey - the reason [REDACTED] is coming up is because Foster declares that he is meeting with Norton on Monday. We better get him in there as well.

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From: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
Sent: Tuesday, February 26, 2002 9:30 AM  
To: Italia Federici  
Subject: RE: Public in uproar over compact/by Jim Beam, the American Press

Thanks Italia. You are wonderful.

-----Original Message-----  
From: Italia Federici [mailto:italia@...]  
Sent: Tuesday, February 26, 2002 9:52 AM  
To: abramoffj@...  
Subject: RE: Public in uproar over compact/by Jim Beam, the American Press

Hi Jack:

Steve knows you were not involved, but rather that you were trying to relay information through the articles, etc... He was traveling, had no information in front of him, and was calling more for clarification. I don't know yet who talked to him on Friday morning and gave him the impression that you were involved, but Steve did the right thing by picking up the phone and calling you directly to clear things up. I am talking with him today about a couple of things and will call you after we talk...

-----Italia-----  
-----Original Message-----  
From: abramoffj@... [mailto:abramoffj@...]  
Sent: Monday, February 25, 2002 9:08 PM  
To: italia@...  
Subject: RE: Public in uproar over compact/by Jim Beam, the American Press  
Did you chat with Steve to clear up his impression of my involvement?

-----Original Message-----  
From: Italia Federici [mailto:italia@...]  
Sent: Monday, February 25, 2002 6:54 PM  
To: abramoffj@...  
Subject: RE: Public in uproar over compact/by Jim Beam, the American Press

I will make sure this is passed along...

-----Original Message-----  
From: abramoffj@... [mailto:abramoffj@...]  
Sent: Monday, February 25, 2002 1:47 PM  
To: italia@...  
Subject: FW: Public in uproar over compact/by Jim Beam, the American Press  
FYI

-----Original Message-----  
Public in uproar over compact  
by Jim Beam, the American Press  
A DECISION by Gov. Mike Foster to sign a secret agreement with the Jena Choctaws who want to open a gambling casino in Vinton has generated more public debate among local residents than we've seen in years.

5/6/2004

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Italia Federici

From: abramoffj [REDACTED]  
 Sent: Saturday, March 02, 2002 11:40 PM  
 To: italia [REDACTED]  
 Subject: Jena

The Jena have cancelled the meeting which was set up with the other tribes in order to find a compromise. It turns out that the chairman of the Jena tribe does not control it anyway. It is controlled by a very corrupt former official and an outsider under investigation from the FBI (or so I am told). Apparently the WSJ has been turned onto the story by Dobson, so this is about to blow (the corruption of the Jena). Our tribes obviously want no part of this at this point, since this will no doubt damage them as well. What a total mess. It also came out in the press in Louisiana that Haley and Boggs are behind the Jena. I am told Roll Call has that one. The Jena told the Mississippi Choctaw (our guys) that they were told by the BIA on Friday that Interior is going to approve their compact and land in trust next Friday. I sure hope they were lied to.

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Italia Federici

From: abramoffj [REDACTED]  
 Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2002 11:23 AM  
 To: italia [REDACTED]  
 Subject: FW: fax for Holly in Steve Griles office

Hi Italia. We just faxed this one to Steve as well. A lot going on. I hope this helps him.

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

From: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
 Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2002 11:17 AM  
 To: Gertner, Ilisa (AdmAst-DC-Gov)  
 Subject: fax for Holly in Steve Griles office

Call her first to tell her this is coming and then fax on white paper with no cover:

Steve,

Just got word that the bureaucracy inside Interior is going to recommend something to you guys related to the Jena situation which could create a serious backlash on the Hill. They are apparently going to view the land that the Jena tribe wishes to purchase as "initial reservation land", which is a prerogative normally reserved to Congress. Their recommendation, I am told, will be part of a general recommendation that the Secretary approves the compact and land for the Jenas.

From: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov) [/o=GTLAW/ou=WDC/cn=Recipients/cn=abramoff] on behalf of Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
 Sent: Friday, April 05, 2002 1:10 PM  
 To: 'Italia Federici'  
 Subject: RE: WSJ

Thanks Italia. I don't think they are going to call Julie, and perhaps not even mention her. Hard to tell from these guys, though. Clearly he got the info from inside Interior, because when I tried to get him off of it, he was firm (as if he had had it confirmed). None of my clients have chatted with him either. Weird. In any event, it'll be a slam on me I guess, but it'll blow over soon, I hope. Thanks for going to Signatures with Steve and Tom. Wish you had let me know, though, since I want to host you there! I am getting you a Club Card for the place, which will have a private discount for you (don't tell others!). Regards.

-----Original Message-----  
 From: Italia Federici [mailto:italia@...]  
 Sent: Friday, April 05, 2002 9:47 AM  
 To: abramoffj@...  
 Subject: RE: WSJ

Thanks for the heads up. Do you know if they are going to call Julie for comment? Should I alert her? Also, thanks to you, we are running an ad on Monday in the Post in support of the Bush Balanced Energy Plan. We are going to highlight environmentalist support and we are also going to do something mean to Senator John Kerry. We have a video of him after he spoke against ANWR at Earth Day 2000, behind the staging area getting into a chauffeur driven SUV between several limousines. We are incorporating a still shot into the newspaper ad and directing people to our web site for the entire 1 minute video. We are asking people to call Kerry and tell him they are not impressed by his conservation ethic and not to filibuster ANWR and hold everyone in the senate hostage. Or they can call Baschel and tell him not to be tricked by Kerry's PR stunts. We want a vote on the Bush balanced Energy Plan ASAP...

We have transferred the video to beta for Hannity and Colmes, O'Reilly, etc... and we have help distributing from interested friends whom I'm sure you can guess.

I am letting EVERYONE know that you are the only reason we have the funding to do this. (FYI - I am asking some entities to chip in, but they won't be able to get me checks in hand for weeks, so without you we'd never have the ability to do this in time). I don't want to let them off the hook though if we can get them to join the fight! You know what I mean...

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

I had dinner at Signatures with Steve and Tom Sansonetti last week and it was a big hit...

--Italia  
 -----Original Message-----  
 From: abramoffj@... [mailto:abramoffj@...]  
 Sent: Friday, April 05, 2002 1:53 AM  
 To: italia@...  
 Subject: WSJ

They are going with the piece they have been working on for weeks about the tribes getting more active politically. I think they are going to use the dinner at Julie's, though I again stressed that this had NOTHING to do with the tribes: they have the invite list, or think they do (they think Choctaw was there - I did not tell them anything to help them get it right, frankly). I have no idea what their spin is, but it's coming. Just wanted to give you a heads up. Hopefully it will pass to fish wrap soon.

Italia Federici

From: abramoff@  
Sent: Tuesday, April 09, 2002 5:33 PM  
To: Italia  
Subject: RE: here is the newspaper ad

Great ad!!!

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

From: Italia Federici [mailto:italia  
Sent: Tuesday, April 09, 2002 3:59 PM  
To: Jack Abramoff  
Subject: here is the newspaper ad

<< file: ANRWCREA4.pdf >> ...that will appear in tomorrow's paper...  
Thanks again!

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Italia Federici

From: abramoff@  
Sent: Monday, April 08, 2002 6:15 PM  
To: Italia  
Subject: RE: from Italia

Fantastic!!

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

From: Italia Federici [mailto:italia  
Sent: Monday, April 08, 2002 5:07 PM  
To: Jack Abramoff  
Subject: from Italia

Hi Jack:

Wanted to let you know that we just posted that anti-Kerry video clip on our web site and released it to the news media in beta format. O'Reilly Factor and Hannity and Colmes are interested. I'll keep my fingers crossed! The Washington Post ad comes out on Wednesday to be timed with the amendment being dropped on Thursday. At last word anyway.

Thank you again for everything and enjoy!

--Italia

From: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
 Sent: Friday, July 05, 2002 6:39 PM  
 To: 'Rodney Lane'  
 Subject: RE: CREA

Did you speak with Jared on this at all? How much was the first one, cost wise?

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

From: Rodney Lane [mailto:laner@crea.gov]  
 Sent: Friday, July 05, 2002 2:04 PM  
 To: abramoffj@crea.gov  
 Subject: RE: CREA

Exactly how much of these lunches did you want to pick up? There's another one scheduled for July 16.

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

From: abramoffj@crea.gov [mailto:abramoffj@crea.gov]  
 Sent: Thursday, June 27, 2002 1:56 AM  
 To: laner@crea.gov  
 Subject: RE: CREA

Pick up tomorrow's entirety, but pull him aside and tell him that we have to work out something for the future lunches.

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

From: Rodney Lane [mailto:laner@crea.gov]  
 Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2002 4:41 PM  
 To: abramoffj@crea.gov  
 Subject: RE: CREA

Spoke with Jared. I get the sense that they were hoping we would "take care of things." It sounds to me like they are planning on doing these lunches about twice a month. There are only about 10 or less coming in for lunch tomorrow. To avoid any embarrassment on either side, maybe we should pick up at least half this tab (as it will be a fairly small party anyway) and then I'll work with Jared going forward to give them a discount for every subsequent event.

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 Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2002 3:56 PM  
 To: laner@crea.gov  
 Subject: RE: CREA

Can you chat with Jared and find out what he has in mind? Then tell him you'll chat with me.

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

From: Rodney Lane [mailto:laner@crea.gov]  
 Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2002 1:04 PM  
 To: Jack Abramoff  
 Subject: CREA  
 Importance: High

Are we paying for their get togethers? I only ask because Jared has a party set up for tomorrow but wanted Jennifer to touch base with me to see if everything was "worked out." Just curious if you had made an arrangement with Italia.

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**From:** Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 10, 2002 2:54 PM  
**To:** 'Rodney Lane'  
**Subject:** RE: CREA

I might have to cover this if it is not more than once every couple of months.

-----Original Message-----  
**From:** Rodney Lane [mailto:laner@...]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 10, 2002 3:35 PM  
**To:** abramoffj@...  
**Subject:** RE: CREA

I looks like the bill was slightly over \$300 plus \$50 tip. What do you want me to do in the future?

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**To:** laner@...  
**Subject:** RE: CREA

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**From:** Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 18, 2002 8:13 AM  
**To:** Ring, Kevin (SHld-DC-Gov)  
**Subject:** RE: crea

Probably OK, but let me know who and then I have to ask Italia. Technically we are representing the tribes (Choctaw, Coushatta, Tigua) who have contributed \$50K to CREA. Let me know who and I'll call her.

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

**From:** Ring, Kevin (SHld-DC-Gov)  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 18, 2002 9:10 AM  
**To:** Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
**Subject:** crea

Not sure who is going from our team, but is it okay if whoever does (pat, duane) brings a potential client of ours? I am not sure they would go, but it would be nice to offer. What say you?

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From: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov) [mailto:jack@wcd.com] on behalf of Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
 Sent: Wednesday, September 04, 2002 2:08 PM  
 To: 'Alia Federici'  
 Subject: Tigua water issue

This sums it up. Thanks for all you do for my clients, the cause and me personally. Regards,

The Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo (Tiguas) faces a possible loss of significant land claim rights through circumstances beyond its control. Prompt intervention by the Department of the Interior would prevent this from happening. The circumstances arise from a matter of which you may be cognizant as the Chairperson of the Water Rights Working Group.

Current Situation: A stream adjudication for the Rio Grande River from Fort Quitman to the New Mexico state line is now before the Texas Natural Resources Commission. The United States Government, as title holder to the Ysleta del Sur trust lands, is a party to this proceeding, but the Tribe is not. Under Texas law, the Commission may decide matters collateral to the water rights, which in this case could and probably will include the land claim. The Commission's adjudication of the land claim would be prejudicial to the tribe's ultimately prevailing on its very strong land claim. The federal government has already attempted to stay the water rights adjudication unsuccessfully in a case that has gone up to the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Ysleta del Sur Land Claim: Ysleta del Sur was founded in 1682 near El Paso. In 1751 the King of Spain made a grant to the Indians of Ysleta pueblo of one league of land, thirty six square miles. The grant was protected by the Spanish and Mexican governments and subsequently recognized by the State of Texas in the 1854 Ysleta Relief Act.

After the Americans took over in 1848, land speculators stole much of the Tigua land from them. The State of Texas subsequently ignored the Tigua's Spanish land grant and title to the land. Much of present day El Paso is built on land taken from the Tigua.

The Albuquerque BIA office is looking at the land claim, but appears to be operating on the assumption that there is no urgency to come to a conclusion. We believe their preliminary assessment is very favorable.

The water rights issue is being handled by Chris Rich in the Salt Lake City DOJ Solicitor's Office; he is preparing motions to contest the Commission's jurisdiction, but we question whether this will be effective given our perception that the Commission will find against Indians regardless of the issue. The Commission may well know the significance of what they are doing as it might apply to the land claim, which covers a significant portion of the City of El Paso.

Recommended Solution: The U.S. Government needs to institute federal court land claim litigation on behalf of the Tiguas as soon as possible. If the land claim were in the process of being adjudicated in federal court, there would be a stronger argument for that federal court to stay the proceedings in the Texas administrative stream/water rights proceeding pending the outcome of the land claim adjudication.

The Ysleta del Sur Pueblo was forced to close its casino because of legal proceedings instituted by the State of Texas to enforce a provision of federal law prohibiting gaming by the Pueblo, which provision the State had insisted on as a condition of federal recognition of the Pueblo. If the State now succeeds in prejudicing the Pueblo's land claim, the Pueblo will have been deprived on its last means of achieving economic independence.

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From: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov) [/o=██████████you=WDC/cn=Recipients/cn=abramoff] on behalf of Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
Sent: Tuesday, September 24, 2002 7:49 PM  
To: Italia Federici  
Subject: RE: ██████████

Super. Thanks.

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

From: Italia Federici [mailto:italia██████████]  
Sent: Tuesday, September 24, 2002 8:45 PM  
To: abramoffj; ██████████  
Subject: RE: ██████████

I will remind him about that and I'm sure he'd love to mention your help. I will let you know when we talk. When I called him earlier he was on his way to the Secretary's office and said he'd call me later on.

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

From: abramoffj; ██████████ [mailto:abramoffj; ██████████]  
Sent: Tuesday, September 24, 2002 8:22 PM  
To: italia██████████  
Subject: ██████████

The Chief of the ██████████ is meeting with Steve Griles tomorrow afternoon. This is the one I have talked to about representation and giving to CREA. If Steve could mention both your name and mine to him it would be a big help. He can just say "we have mutual friends" or something if that is possible. If would really help. Thanks so much!!!

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Italia Federici

From: abramoff@██████████  
 Sent: Friday, September 27, 2002 3:23 PM  
 To: Italia Federici  
 Subject: FW: For Italia/Interior - Important

Importance: High

Bay Mills Memo.doc Land Settlement Claims for the... I. 2986.doc

I hate to keep bugging you about all of this,  
 but there is now ANOTHER Michigan casino problem making its way to Steve. Perhaps you could get this  
 to him and nip it in the bud before it becomes a bigger problem? Thanks  
 Italia!!

-----Original Message-----  
 From: Boulanger, Todd (Dir-DC-Gov)  
 Sent: Friday, September 27, 2002 9:25 AM  
 To: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
 Subject: For Italia/Interior - Important  
 Importance: High

<<Bay Mills Memo.doc>> <<Land Settlement Claims for the Bay Mills and  
 Sault Ste Marie Tribes.doc>> <<S. 2986>> I've attached three documents

Italia Federici

From: abramoff [redacted]  
Sent: Tuesday, October 01, 2002 1:16 PM  
To: italia [redacted]  
Subject: FW: Tigua water issue

Did you ever hear anything about this one?

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

From: Italia Federici [mailto:italia [redacted]]  
Sent: Tuesday, September 24, 2002 5:21 PM  
To: abramoff [redacted]  
Subject: RE: Tigua water issue

I am calling right now

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

From: abramoff [redacted] [mailto:abramoff [redacted]]  
Sent: Tuesday, September 24, 2002 4:02 PM  
To: italia [redacted]  
Subject: Tigua water issue

Hi Italia. I know Steve is totally under the gun, but is there any way you could find out about the Tigua water issue? He said he'd have someone look into that and they are getting desperate. Thanks so much.

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**From:** Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov) [/o=████████████████████ou=WDC/cn=Recipients/cn=abramoff] on behalf of Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 10, 2002 1:13 PM  
**To:** 'Italia Federici'  
**Subject:** FW: Hearing update  
**Importance:** High

Sorry to keep bugging you, but this thing (the Michigan Bay Mills casino scam) is getting totally out of control. They have lobbyists who are lobbying very hard, but this is just adding a casino in a most inappropriate way. if I get you something on this (next emails) can you forward all of this to Steve so he can kill this? it is vital to Saginaw Chippewa that this ends. thanks so much Italia!

-----Original Message-----  
**From:** Boulanger, Todd (Dir-DC-Gov)  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 10, 2002 1:09 PM  
**To:** DCMontgomery  
**Subject:** FW: Hearing update  
**Importance:** High

Jack, this is a disaster. Aurene Martin was there for BIA. Horrible. Kevin, we need to go in and see Farley -----Original Message-----  
**From:** Pierce, Brigham (AsDir-DC-Gov/Adm)  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 10, 2002 1:03 PM  
**To:** Boulanger, Todd (Dir-DC-Gov)  
**Cc:** Smith, Michael D. (Assoc-DC-Legis); Ayoob, Edward (Assoc-DC-Gov/Adm)  
**Subject:** Hearing update  
**Importance:** High

The st. Marie, bay mills, and the DoI have to submit an agreement to pat zell by tuesday at noon. If they come to a uniform agreement on amendments to the legislation, the chairman will expedite it through, if not, they are just spinning their wheels. Inouye emphasized the importance of the DoI feeling good about everything, if they don't feel good about it, then its dead.

From: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov) [/o= /ou=WDC/cn=Recipients/cn=abramoff] on behalf of Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
 Sent: Monday, November 11, 2002 10:55 AM  
 To: 'Grover Norquist'  
 Subject: RE: various

Tried you earlier today and left a vmail. Let me know when you can chat. Regards.

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

From: Grover Norquist [mailto:gnorquist]  
 Sent: Friday, November 08, 2002 7:53 PM  
 To: 'abramoffj'  
 Subject: RE: various

1. Thanks for the news on the saginaw chippewa.
2. Maury Litwack is most delighted to come to the wedf meeting..he should set up a pre-meeting interview with me through jane zysk.
3. REstaurant would be fun. Kerri is out west for two weeks...
4. I met with interior secretary today. She is very concerned with indian things. I would like to speak with you on this. I am on cell 289-8717 all weekend. grover

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

From: abramoffj [mailto:abramoffj]  
 Sent: Friday, November 08, 2002 8:41 AM  
 To: gnorquist  
 Subject: various

The Saginaw Chippewa check for \$25K should be here next week. I'll get it over as soon as it comes.

Maury Litwack from my office has moved up from the time he was an intern and is probably going to be taking a job soon on the Hill. He would very much like to attend the Wednesday meetings so he can start getting in the swing of doing things on the agenda of the movement. Would it be OK if he were to attend for us, in addition to Linsey? Should he come up to introduce himself to you?

Finally, let me know some dates so I can have you guys come to the restaurant.

Onward.

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Italia Federici

/rom: abramoff [REDACTED]  
 Sent: Tuesday, December 03, 2002 1:55 AM  
 To: Italia [REDACTED]  
 Subject: RE: Jena Band; Panel, Logansport asked to speak on proposed casino - Shreveport Times

Thanks.

-----Original Message-----  
 From: Italia Federici [mailto:italia [REDACTED]]  
 Sent: Monday, December 02, 2002 3:46 PM  
 To: abramoff [REDACTED]  
 Subject: RE: Jena Band; Panel, Logansport asked to speak on proposed casino - Shreveport Times

Thanks for the update. I'll bring it up asap!

-----Original Message-----  
 From: abramoff [REDACTED] [mailto:abramoff [REDACTED]]  
 Sent: Monday, December 02, 2002 11:53 AM  
 To: italia [REDACTED]  
 Subject: FW: Jena Band; Panel, Logansport asked to speak on proposed casino - Shreveport Times  
 Importance: High  
 It seems that the Jena are on the march again. If you can, can you make sure Steve squelches this again? thanks!!

-----Original Message-----  
 From: Short, Stephanie Leger (Assoc-DC-Gov/Adm)  
 Sent: Monday, December 02, 2002 10:25 AM  
 To: DCoushatta  
 Subject: Jena Band; Panel, Logansport asked to speak on proposed casino - Shreveport Times  
 Importance: High

We need to get a sense from BIA if possible on timing. While they don't have a compact (yet) taking the land into trust will be a huge step for them in getting the state to move on a compact. Can anyone get any intel from BIA? [REDACTED] office is looking into it as well.

Panel, Logansport asked to speak on proposed casino  
 Vickie Welborn <mailto:news [REDACTED]>  
 mailto:news [REDACTED] / The Times Mansfield Bureau  
 Posted on November 27, 2002  
 MANSFIELD - The DeSoto Parish Police Jury and the town of Logansport have been given 30 days to comment on the proposed land acquisition request submitted by the Jena Band of Choctaws. If taken into trust, the land just outside of Logansport would be home to a Class III casino.

The U.S. Department of Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs Eastern Regional Office in Nashville, Tenn., sent letters to both government bodies via certified mail that were received Friday. In addition to asking for comments on the proposed acquisition, the letter also requests additional information on the possible impact of removing the property from the tax base.

The Police Jury in August approved a resolution of support for the land-based casino. It would serve as the tribal reservation for the Jena Band of Choctaws, which now is based in Rapides, LaSalle and Grant parishes.

Police Jury President Dewayne Mitchell plans to draft the parish's response to the letter next week. "I'm not sure how we will respond, but

we will add more comments other than providing the additional information they requested.'

The letter, signed by acting deputy regional director Howard Bemer, indicates the Police Jury will be notified of the decision to approve or deny the tribe's application, but it gives no date. Mitchell said he also has not been told when to expect an answer.

"But we're still positive about it," he added.

Likewise, the town of Logansport will issue its response, which Mayor Dennis Freeman expects to be brief. Freeman said the town has little to add since the property is located outside the corporate limits.

DeSoto Parish Tax Assessor Jimmy Stephens said the parish would lose \$189 annually in property taxes currently levied on the property. The 53.8 acres is owned by H.K. Stanley's Alexandria-based Machal Inc. Stanley was the financial backer in the Jena Choctaws' effort to put a \$300 million casino in Vinton. That application was denied in March.

Logansport officials already have shown their support for the project with a resolution. Freeman said he previously indicated the town's willingness to extend gas and sewer service to the site, which is about a mile east of the corporate limits.

It's also possible, Freeman said, the town would consider annexing the property between the corporate limits and proposed casino site. The reservation land itself cannot be annexed because once it is taken into trust it will become a sovereign nation.

"I would expect we would annex out to (state Highway) 191, because that would put us in a position to service the infrastructure on any other business development in that area," Freeman said. And while other DeSoto organizations also have noted their support for the casino, opposition is mounting among governmental bodies and organizations in the Shreveport-Bossier City area. The loss of local and state tax revenue often has been cited as the reason. Indian casinos are exempt from paying state and federal taxes, unlike the riverboat casinos.

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From: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov) [/o=██████████/ou=WDC/cn=Recipients/cn=abramoff] on behalf of Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
 Sent: Wednesday, December 04, 2002 10:16 AM  
 To: 'Italia Federici'  
 Subject: RE: Gun Lake Indian tribe casino

My pleasure. The important part is that Steve clearly understands what a great friend he has in you. he is a great guy and we need to make sure he is always protected. As for the acting AS, let me think on it today.

-----Original Message-----  
 From: Italia Federici [mailto:italia██████████]  
 Sent: Wednesday, December 04, 2002 10:23 AM  
 To: abramoffj██████████  
 Subject: RE: Gun Lake Indian tribe casino

I will call him asap. Also, Aurene (spelling?) is not going to be selected for the job being vacated by McCaleb. They will appoint an acting temporarily. He asked for names and I told him about Tim Martin but that you thought they needed someone with real stature. He agreed. If you have any other names let me know. The other issue about the tribe in California has been headed off. He looked into it and it is being handled. All lines of communication are being shut off. A BIG thankyou to you!

-----Original Message-----  
 From: abramoffj██████████ [mailto:abramoffj██████████]  
 Sent: Wednesday, December 04, 2002 10:15 AM  
 To: italia██████████  
 Subject: FW: Gun Lake Indian tribe casino

Hi. This is a disaster in the making. This is the casino we discussed with Steve and he said that it would not happen. It seems to be happening! The way to stop it is for Interior to say they are not satisfied with the Environmental Impact Report. Can you get to him to stop this one asap? they are moving fast. Thanks Italia. This is a direct assault on our guys, Saginaw Chippewa.

-----Original Message-----  
 From: Chris [mailto:cpetrac██████████]  
 Sent: Wednesday, December 04, 2002 7:28 AM  
 To: abramoffj██████████  
 Subject: Gun Lake Indian tribe casino

Just a quick heads-up that the Detroit News has an article on Gun Lake's proposed casino project and how the public comment period on their environmental study is the last step before approval.

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Italia Federici

From: abramoffj [REDACTED]  
 Sent: Friday, December 06, 2002 9:24 AM  
 To: Italia [REDACTED]  
 Subject: RE: Gun Lake: New Hope For Gun Lake Casino - Fox News

Thanks.

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

From: Italia Federici [mailto:italia [REDACTED]]  
 Sent: Friday, December 06, 2002 9:09 AM  
 To: abramoffj [REDACTED]  
 Subject: RE: Gun Lake: New Hope For Gun Lake Casino - Fox News

seeing him at 4pm today

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

From: abramoffj [mailto:abramoffj [REDACTED]]  
 Sent: Friday, December 06, 2002 9:02 AM  
 To: italia [REDACTED]  
 Subject: FW: Gun Lake: New Hope For Gun Lake Casino - Fox News

This is what we have to stop.

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

From: Pierce, Brigham (AstDir-DC-Gov/Adm)  
 Sent: Friday, December 06, 2002 8:45 AM  
 To: DCSaginaw  
 Subject: Gun Lake: New Hope For Gun Lake Casino - Fox News

New Hope For Gun Lake Casino

December 5, 2002

WAYLAND -- There's another push to get the state to sign on to a controversial casino. A resolution will be introduced on Thursday in the House urging Governor Engler to reach a deal with the Gun Lake Band of Pottawatomi Indians, clearing the way for a casino in Wayland.

The same kind of resolution was debated in July 2001, but it lost by one vote. Lawmakers are expecting a similar battle this time around.

Some state lawmakers says time is running out to get a casino compact because so many are getting ready to leave office.

Representative Larry DeVuyst (R) is behind this resolution for a casino in Wayland and the one last year. But he thinks it's different this time around-the Gun Lake tribe is closer to getting the land declared an Indian Reservation.

DeVuyst thinks that will encourage more "yes" votes, but West Michigan Republicans point out it's still far from a done deal.

They defeated the resolution last time and intend to do so again.

We're going through and targeting each member of the house to find out whether their position has changed," Rep. Wayne Kuipers (R) told FOX 17 News.

Casino opponents believe they still have enough "no" votes. But there is concern about the timing and there's also a question of who is behind this late push.

DeVuyst says the tribe approached him, but some have wondered if the Governor is also involved to make sure the state gets a share of the profits. Engler has ties to three businessmen investing in the casino.

"I have not talked directly with the Governor, but I do believe he has made a statement that we do need a compact now," DeVuyst says. "The fact I believe he's supporting this is encouragement."

A spokesperson for Engler told FOX 17 News she isn't aware of any push from the Governor on this issue.

The Gun Lake Tribe didn't want to comment on these new developments.

The casino will likely be up for a vote next week. A similar resolution was introduced in the Senate yesterday, but it will only be discussed there if it passes in the House on Thursday.

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Italia Federici

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From: Italia Federici [Italia ██████████]  
 Sent: Wednesday, December 11, 2002 9:16 AM  
 To: abramoffj [██████████]  
 Subject: RE: gun lake

Hi Jack:

Can you call me about this on my cell ██████████

--Thanks,  
 --Italia

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

From: abramoffj [mailto:abramoffj ██████████]  
 Sent: Tuesday, December 10, 2002 11:01 PM  
 To: italia [██████████]  
 Subject: gun lake

As you recall we discussed stopping this Michigan casino project by rejecting their Environmental Impact Statement. I was told tonight that Aurene Martin has been telling people that their EIS is the best she has ever seen. I am also told that she is too close to the lobbyists helping to get this casino approved. Just wanted to pass this on, as it is greatly concerning. Please let me know if you can any info on this. thanks.

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 Subject: RE: Gun Lake: New Hope For Gun Lake Casino - Fox News

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 Subject: FW: Gun Lake: New Hope For Gun Lake Casino - Fox News

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 From: Pierce, Brigham (AstDir-DC-Gov/Adm)

From: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov) [/o=██████████/ou=WDC/cn=Recipients/cn=abramoff] on behalf of Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
 Sent: Thursday, December 12, 2002 4:14 PM  
 To: 'creal' ██████████  
 Subject: RE: FW: Gun Lake: Senator expects casino to pass - Holland Sentinel

Thanks. I had lunch with Steve today, but we did not really chat about it. Will you be at the party tonight?

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

From: creal ██████████ [mailto:creal ██████████]  
 Sent: Thursday, December 12, 2002 12:51 PM  
 To: abramoffj ██████████  
 Subject: Re: FW: Gun Lake: Senator expects casino to pass - Holland Sentinel

Just want to let you know I got this and I will call you. Thanks On Thu, 12 Dec 2002 09:19:08 -0500 abramoffj ██████████ wrote:

> Another Indian casino making its way to  
 > Interior. The R's in the delegation  
 > are doing a letter to Gail opposing this. they  
 > are very unhappy about  
 > Engler pushing this. they feel he has set  
 > himself up a deal for when he  
 > leaves office, and are really fuming. You  
 > might want to let Steve know this  
 > is coming too. Basically, the way they can  
 > deal with the whole Michigan  
 > thing is to say that there are too many casinos  
 > and too many others trying  
 > and they have to assess the impact of all of  
 > this and are putting a  
 > moratorium. Let's discuss.

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

> From: Pierce, Brigham (AsDir-DC-Gov/Adm)  
 > Sent: Thursday, December 12, 2002 9:02 AM  
 > To: DCSaginaw  
 > Subject: Gun Lake: Senator expects casino to  
 > pass - Holland Sentinel

> Web posted Thursday, December 12, 2002

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 > Senator expects casino to pass  
 > The state Senate plans to vote today on an  
 > Indian gaming pact that would  
 > pave the way for a casino in eastern Allegan  
 > County.  
 > By DAVE YONKMAN >  
 > Staff writer  
 > The state Senate plans to vote today on an  
 > Indian gaming pact that would  
 > pave the way for a casino in eastern Allegan  
 > County.  
 > State Sen. Bill Van Regenmorter, R-Georgetown  
 > Township, said that if a 56-47  
 > vote in the House on Tuesday is any indication  
 > it should pass.  
 > "The House sent us a pretty disappointing

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**From:** Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov) [mailto:jack@wdc/cn=Recipients/cn=abramoff] on behalf of Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
**Sent:** Friday, December 13, 2002 2:53 PM  
**To:** 'Italia Federal office'  
**Subject:** Michigan Indian gambling expansion we are hoping to stop

  
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Can you pass this on to Steve directly? Thanks!

02-13-02 04:43pm From: CONG. PETE HOEKSTRA-WASH DC

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The Honorable Gale Ann Norton  
 Secretary  
 Department of Interior  
 1849 C Street, NW  
 Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Secretary Norton:


I am writing to express my strong concerns relative to the Environmental Assessment published by the Ojibwa Tribe for the purpose of developing a casino in Wapitiand Township. I am asking that your office accept this letter as a part of the public comment period.

I am sincerely disappointed with the decision by the Interior Department to open a 30-day public comment period for the Environmental Assessment. This proposal is very complex, controversial and substantially open for over 10 years. I am asking that your office extend the public comment period by an additional 90 days. I will ensure that your office extend the public comment period by an additional 90 days. I will ensure that your office extend the public comment period by an additional 90 days. I will ensure that your office extend the public comment period by an additional 90 days.

I think we can agree that the issues related to Indian Gaming are extremely complex and they demand thoughtful consideration by those who will be impacted. After receiving many letters from my constituents questioning the Interior Department's Environmental Assessment, and after my own thorough review of the lengthy and complex document, I do not believe that the Interior Department requires an Environmental Impact Statement for this project. I do not believe that the Interior Department should be able to accept an Environmental Assessment that was performed without public input. I believe that the Interior Department should be able to accept an Environmental Assessment that was performed without public input. I believe that the Interior Department should be able to accept an Environmental Assessment that was performed without public input.

I am particularly concerned with the claims made in the Environmental Assessment with regard to environmental and social impacts. For example, air quality and the impact of this proposal on air quality in Allegan County are not addressed. Contrary to the Environmental Assessment's arbitrary determination that Allegan County has a "good" air quality, Allegan County consistently has difficulty maintaining attainment status relative to both the 1-hour and 8-hour ozone standards. The intent of an 8-hour Ozone Standard, the additional analysis that are necessary to determine the impact of this project on compliance should be completed. By not taking seriously the proposed casino.

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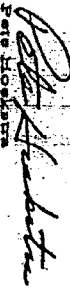


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impact on air quality in Allegan County. I question the ability of this Environmental Assessment to accurately represent the social and economic impacts on the community as well. Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter. I hope you will take my concerns into consideration as you make your decision in this case.

Sincerely,

  
Peter Honkstra  
Member of Congress

CC: Speaker Dennis Hastert  
Majority Leader Tom DeLay  
Karl Rove, White House





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From: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
Sent: Monday, December 16, 2002 7:11 PM  
To: 'Mike Scanlon'  
Subject: RE: Saginaw

I thought the way to do this is to have them reject the EIS, which I believe GILES has committed to do. when are we meeting???

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

From: Mike Scanlon [mailto:mike [REDACTED]]  
Sent: Monday, December 16, 2002 5:23 PM  
To: abramoffj [REDACTED]  
Subject: Saginaw

Hey - I think a real quick way to blow this Gun Lake thing out of the water is to have BIA reject the land in trust - or lay some stipulations on their application that would buy us some time.

Any word from GILES on this?

Michael Scanlon  
Scanlon Gould Public Affairs

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
mike [REDACTED]

Italia Federici

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From: Italia Federici [Italia ██████████]  
 Sent: Friday, December 20, 2002 6:08 PM  
 To: abramoffj ██████████  
 Subject: RE: GUN LAKE: Rep. Rogers Letter

Thanks

-----Original Message-----  
 From: abramoffj ██████████ [mailto:abramoffj ██████████]  
 Sent: Friday, December 20, 2002 4:42 PM  
 To: Italia ██████████  
 Subject: FW: GUN LAKE: Rep. Rogers Letter

There is more for Steve.

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Italia Federici

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From: Italia Federici [Italia ██████████]  
 Sent: Friday, December 20, 2002 3:32 PM  
 To: abramoffj ██████████  
 Subject: RE: EIS Review

Thanks and good idea.

-----Original Message-----  
 From: abramoffj ██████████ [mailto:abramoffj ██████████]  
 Sent: Friday, December 20, 2002 11:10 AM  
 To: Italia ██████████  
 Subject: FW: EIS Review

Hi Italia. Here is our quick attack on the EIS. We'll see what we can do on the water issue as well. Can you get this to Steve? Thanks.

-----Original Message-----  
 From: Boulanger, Todd (Dir-DC-Gov)  
 Sent: Friday, December 20, 2002 10:19 AM  
 To: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
 Subject: EIS Review

Here's a quicky for our friends. We're looking into water usage (drinking,

waste flow) right now. I got the idea in Choctaw because they are having all types of problems with EPA regarding this.....maybe we should try to kick EPA on the proposal.

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Italia Federici

From: Italia Federici [Italia ██████████]  
 Sent: Friday, December 20, 2002 10:19 AM  
 To: abramoffj@██████████  
 Subject: RE: Gun Lake: Hoekstra: Allegan casino is a bad idea - Holland Se ntinel

great!

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

From: abramoffj@██████████ [mailto:abramoffj@██████████]  
 Sent: Thursday, December 19, 2002 6:58 PM  
 To: italia@██████████  
 Subject: FW: Gun Lake: Hoekstra: Allegan casino is a Bad idea - Holland Se ntinel

This is very good. With this extension, they can now kill it by ruling that the EIS shows they should not move forward.

Interior Department to Extend Public Comment Period on Proposed Allegan County Casino  
 Public Comment Period will be Extended 45 days

WASHINGTON - Today officials from the Department of Interior's, Bureau of Indian Affairs contacted Congressman Pete Hoekstra to notify him that his request to extend the public comment period on the Gun Lake Tribe's proposed Environmental Assessment for a casino in Wayland Township in Allegan County would be extended for an additional 45 days.

An Interior Department official stated that a formal response to Hoekstra's December 12th letter, which requested the extension, would be provided before the Department publishes the notice in the Federal Register on either December 24 or December 26.

The Department originally provided for a 30-day public comment period that is due to expire on December 26. "Asking the community to comment on over 150 pages of technical data between Thanksgiving and Christmas was disappointing," said Hoekstra, R-Holland. "This proposal is very complex and controversial and the public deserves the right to have an appropriate amount of time to thoroughly review and comment on the impacts of a casino in West Michigan."

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Italia Federici

From: abramoffj@  
 Sent: Wednesday, January 08, 2003 1:03 PM  
 To: Italia@  
 Subject: RE: BIA: Sec. Norton Names Martin to Indian Affairs Post - US Newswire

Thanks.

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

From: Italia Federici (mailto:italia@  
 Sent: Wednesday, January 08, 2003 12:06 PM  
 To: abramoffj@  
 Subject: RE: BIA: Sec. Norton Names Martin to Indian Affairs Post - US Newswire

Hi Jack: I'm talking with Steve in about 30 minutes and will call you right after. I know he said they don't want her for the job so I don't know what the thought was here but I'll find out. He's calling me back to talk about Mashpee.

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

From: abramoffj@ (mailto:abramoffj@  
 Sent: Wednesday, January 08, 2003 9:22 AM  
 To: italia@  
 Subject: FW: BIA: Sec. Norton Names Martin to Indian Affairs Post - US Newswire

JAT?!?! I can't believe they named her.

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

From: Pierce, Brigham (AsstDir-DC-Gov/Adm)  
 Sent: Wednesday, January 08, 2003 8:42 AM  
 To: DCChoctaw  
 Subject: BIA: Sec. Norton Names Martin to Indian Affairs Post - US Newswire

Sec. Norton Names Martin to Indian Affairs Post

U.S. Newswire

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Sec. Norton Names Aurene Martin Acting Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs-

To: National Desk

Contact: Nedra Darling of the U.S. Department of the Interior  
 <<http://www.doi.gov>> <<http://www.doi.gov>> ,  
 202-219-4152

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 /U.S. Newswire/ -- Interior Secretary Gale

Norton has announced her designation of Aurene M. Martin, a member of the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, as acting assistant secretary - Indian affairs.

"Aurene Martin brings solid experience in Indian affairs and a commitment to excellence to her new role," said Secretary Norton.

"She will be an able leader for the Bureau of Indian Affairs during its transition into an efficient and effective Indian service."

Martin had served as deputy assistant secretary under Assistant Secretary Neal McCaleb, who recently retired from public service.

"I'm deeply honored to accept Secretary Norton's designation,"

Martin said, "and I am confident that our efforts to improve the BIA will result in improved services to the trust beneficiaries and the federally recognized tribes."

In October 2001, Martin joined the Interior Department as

Counselor to the Assistant Secretary after having served as Republican senior counsel to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs

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Italia Federici

From: abramoffj [redacted]  
 Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2003 1:43 PM  
 To: italia [redacted]  
 Subject: RE: Intel from Dept of Int/BIA

Thanks.

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

From: Italia Federici [mailto:italia [redacted]]  
 Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2003 11:05 AM  
 To: abramoffj [redacted]  
 Subject: RE: Intel from Dept of Int/BIA

Thanks Jack! I will ask about the timing and content and call you...

--Italia

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

From: abramoffj [redacted] [mailto:abramoffj [redacted]]  
 Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2003 9:20 AM  
 To: italia [redacted]

Subject: FW: Intel from Dept of Int/BIA  
 FYI - any way to find out? [redacted] contribution by the way. I'll have it in a week or so. I'm still working on the rest. Should be fine.

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

From: Boulanger, Todd (Dir-DC-Gov)  
 Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2003 9:00 AM  
 To: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
 Subject: FW: Intel from Dept of Int/BIA

Can we get any intel? From our LA champion from the last compact fight.

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

From:  
 Sent: Friday, January 17, 2003 5:31 PM  
 To:  
 Subject: Intel from Dept of Int/BIA  
 Foster's letter of support for the new casino was sent last Wednesday (1/9.) How long do you think that it will take for the feds to respond, how can we get warning before they respond, and how can we get that response the instant after they transmit it to Foster? Very important for our calculations as we begin to figure out a press strategy to tackle this one.

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Italia Federici

From: abramoffj@  
 Sent: Monday, January 06, 2003 2:41 PM  
 To: Italia@  
 Subject: RE: Mashpee Indians (Cape Cod Massachusetts area)

Thanks.

-----Original Message-----  
 From: Italia Federici [mailto:italia@]  
 Sent: Monday, January 06, 2003 2:06 PM  
 To: abramoffj@  
 Subject: RE: Mashpee Indians (Cape Cod Massachusetts area)

Hi Jack:

I will find out asap. Also, I will call [redacted] to see if there is any time on your schedule before I meet with Barry.

Thanks!  
 --Italia

-----Original Message-----  
 From: abramoffj@ [mailto:abramoffj@]  
 Sent: Monday, January 06, 2003 12:20 PM  
 To: italia@  
 Subject: FW: Mashpee Indians (Cape Cod Massachusetts area)

Hi Italia. Is there any way you might be able to discreetly find out whether this recognition is being held by one of our guys, or one of the bureaucrats? They want me to help, but I don't want to get into something which might cause any problems for Steve or the Secretary. Thanks so much! hope you had a great holiday. We have to get together!

-----Original Message-----  
 From: Smith, Michael D. (Assoc-DC-Legis)  
 Sent: Friday, December 06, 2002 4:21 PM  
 To: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
 Subject: Mashpee Indians (Cape Cod Massachusetts area)

Wampanoag is the collective name of the indigenous people of southeastern Massachusetts and eastern Rhode Island. The current Wampanoag population consists of several tribes, who base their membership upon closely maintained kinship ties to the aboriginal communities. The two best known groups are those of Mashpee on Cape Cod and those of Gay Head (Aquinnah) on Martha's Vineyard, which is the only Wampanoag group recognized by the federal government. The Mashpee have never been recognized federally as they refused to give up certain rights as the Aquinnah did when they negotiated their recognition. For 3 years, the Mashpee have been on the "ready to go active" list at Interior though they have been skipped over for consideration several times. The tribe sued and won the right to go on the active consideration list in the District Court and has prevailed through 2 appeals. Last June, the tribe was very near a decision when the Department of Interior received a stay. As a result, they are frozen until February when a Court will hear the tribe's appeal. They are a reasonable tribe and have tried to negotiate to no avail. The tribe believes that a bureaucrat in the Solicitor General's office has unfairly held them up (I believe there is a history that dates back years). This is a legitimate tribe and has broad bi-partisan support in the state and at the federal level.

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From: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov) [/o=██████████you=WDC/cn=Recipients/cn=abramoff] on behalf of Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
Sent: Thursday, January 09, 2003 4:06 PM  
To: 'Italia Federici'  
Subject: RE: help??!!

Absolutely. We'll get that moving asap. the Coyshattas are coming to DC next Thursday so I'll hit them immediately. By the way Gov Foster (Louisiana) just sent Gale another letter pushing a new compact he signed for jena. Can you make sure Steve knows about this and puts the kibosh on it? thanks.

-----Original Message-----  
From: Italia Federici [mailto:italia██████████]  
Sent: Thursday, January 09, 2003 3:15 PM  
To: Jack Abramoff  
Subject: help??!!

Hi Jack:

I hate to bother you with this right now, but I was hoping to ask about a possible contribution for CREA. As usual, we budgeted and spent all of our money from last year, on last year, and have started out the new year with practically nada. I thought I'd see if there was any way you could help us reach out to some of your folks who were so generous last year? (...and just after you praised our budgeting skills!)

Thanks Jack!  
--Italia

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From: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov) [/o=██████████ou=WDC/cn=Recipients/cn=abramoff] on behalf of Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2003 7:07 PM  
To: 'Rodney Lane'  
Subject: RE: Jared Carpenter called - CREA

Get her to call Jared and then if we need to do so, we'll quantify it and get a client to sponsor. By the way, I have still not had that reimbursement situation straightened, unless Sigs and Starcs are handling this directly with the office. by reimbursement, I mean the clients paying for my meals. Are they taking care of it?

-----Original Message-----  
From: Rodney Lane [mailto:rodneylane.██████████]  
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2003 6:20 PM  
To: abramoffj.██████████  
Subject: RE: Jared Carpenter called - CREA

A reception for 50-60 people could run thousands easily. This is all of the information I currently have at this point.

-----Original Message-----  
From: abramoffj.██████████ [mailto:abramoffj.██████████]  
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2003 6:17 PM  
To: rodneylane.██████████  
Subject: RE: Jared Carpenter called - CREA

I hope not. have her call him and start discussing prices. If he says 'it's on Jack' or something, tell her to tell him that she does not know about that, but will check. then we'll deal with it. by the way, how much does it cost?

-----Original Message-----  
From: Rodney Lane [mailto:rodneylane.██████████]  
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2003 5:14 PM  
To: Jack Abramoff  
Subject: FW: Jared Carpenter called - CREA

Are we paying for this one? It's awfully big.

-----Original Message-----  
From: Laura Lippy [mailto:lauralippy.██████████]  
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2003 3:38 PM  
To: Rodney Lane  
Subject: Jared Carpenter called - CREA

Wants to book a reception @ Sigs for 50-60. Should I have him call Erica?  
██████████

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Italia Federici

From: abramoffj [redacted]  
Sent: Friday, January 31, 2003 4:55 PM  
To: Italia [redacted]  
Subject: FW: COST SHARE

How did this happen? I thought Steve was going to take care of this. this really screws our tribes and good policy. Ouch.

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

From: Boulanger, Todd (Dir-DC-Gov)  
Sent: Friday, January 31, 2003 4:39 PM  
To: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
Subject: COST SHARE

BIA told the committee that no tribe can take advantage of the school cost-share program.

Todd Anthony Boulanger








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Italia Federici

From: abramoffj [redacted]  
Sent: Wednesday, January 29, 2003 5:21 PM  
To: Italia [redacted]  
Subject: urgent interior matter

Importance: High

-  School Construction Colloquy (...)
-  AMDC-P210812C10.T 1P
-  AMDC-P210802C05.V1P
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The House-Senate Interior Appropriations Subcommittees have been ironing-out their differences. We have \$3 million in the Omnibus for tribal school construction program. This program would allow tribes that are willing and able to cost share 50% or more of their school to receive the remainder of the federal dollars to complete construction from the Feds ASAP, rather than waiting 10, 20, or 30 years for the government to complete construction. This provision 1) saves the government money; 2) builds tribal schools more quickly; and 3) allows willing and able tribes to contribute to their own infrastructure. Clearly, all are Republican goals.

There are several clients interested in using this money. In FY 03 (Omnibus), the Saginaw Chippewa (see attached letters); FY 04, The Mississippi Choctaw and Louisiana Coushatta. The Hopi Tribe of Arizona has also expressed an interest in using this money within the 5-year demonstration programs time frame.

Some appropriations clerks are fighting this saying there is "no interest." This is completely untrue (see attached letters). The Dem Staffer on Interior appropriations (Peter Keifhaber) is going to call Jim McDivitt DAS for Indian Affairs to see if there is a tribe that can use the "cost share" this year. He needs to be told to say "yes." He's received enough letters to indicate that (see attached). If he says "no" ....he's lying. The other problem is Jeanette Hanna, over at BIA. She's trying to kill the cost share. She successfully knocked out the earmark last year and is actively trying to kill this language that MANY members -- House and Senate -- asked to be included in the final FY 03 bill, including Senate Chairman Conrad Burns and House Chairman Charlie Taylor. She needs to be dealt with.

Here are the letters sent in support that Interior has received.

- 1.) Camp, Levin, Stabenow Letter to Interior -- Saying Saginaw can take advantage (Dated January 24, 2003)
- 2.) Chairman Hansen letter --waiving jurisdiction (Dated April 15, 2002)
- 3.) Byrd Response Letter to Senators Burns and Dorgan (Dated February 20, 2002)
- 4.) Native American Caucus Support Letter from Reps. Kildee and Hayworth (Dated February 13, 2002)
- 5.) House Appropriations Members -- Chairman Charlie Taylor, Reps. Doolittle, Kingston, Wicker, Tiahrt (Dated March 18, 2002)
- 6.) Senators Burns and Dorgan Letter (Dated February 11, 2002)
- 7.) Senators Burns and Stabenow Colloquy (Omnibus Bill)

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Italia Federici

From: abramoff@██████████  
 Sent: Thursday, February 06, 2003 4:21 PM  
 To: Italia@██████████  
 Subject: Jena emergency

██████████ just returned from Interior where he was told by the BIA (Aurene Martin and Mike Rossini among others) that they were going to approve the Jena compact and land in trust!! This is a total disaster as you can imagine. Can you call Steve asap and try to get him to stop this. The land these Jena are trying to gain on was historical. Your client, ██████████ land!!!! Please call me as soon as you can.

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Italia Federici

From: abramoff@██████████  
 Sent: Tuesday, February 04, 2003 10:48 AM  
 To: Italia@██████████  
 Subject: BIA issue

Hi there. can you check in with Interior to see what is happening on this? if the BIA sends out a negative effects letter, we are toast. Thanks so much!

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Thoughts?

--Todd

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**Italia Federici**


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From: abramoff [REDACTED]  
 Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2003 10:54 PM  
 To: Italia [REDACTED]  
 Subject: sorry i had to rush off the phone today

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**Italia Federici**


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From: abramoff [REDACTED]  
 Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2003 3:50 PM  
 To: Italia [REDACTED]  
 Subject: real fight brewing in Louisiana

We just found out that Billy Tauzin is now supporting the Jena effort to put the casino in [REDACTED] district! Word is that one of Tauzin's relatives or close friends has a cut of the casino. This will be a PR disaster as you can imagine, especially if for some reason Interior agrees to approve this deal. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] (the other R's in the delegation) are furious beyond belief. This is going to get really ugly. Please let Steve know about this. Thanks so much Italia!

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**From:** Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov) [/o=██████████ou=WDC/cn=Recipients/cn=abramoff] on behalf of Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 04, 2003 12:43 PM  
**To:** 'Rodney Lane'  
**Subject:** RE: CREA - Freshman Reception

Unfortunately, she is critical to me. what would it cost us?

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

**From:** Rodney Lane (mailto:laner██████████)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 04, 2003 1:11 PM  
**To:** Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
**Subject:** FW: CREA - Freshman Reception

We'll see what Erika comes back with but it sounds expensive. Do we owe them or something?

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

**From:** Laura Lippy (mailto:lauralippy██████████)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 04, 2003 12:46 PM  
**To:** Rodney Lane; Erica Merkel  
**Cc:** Todd Thrasher  
**Subject:** CREA - Freshman Reception

Jared called. They want to do this reception on Thursday, March 20th for 50-75 people. Jared said that Italia & Jack spoke regarding this and that Jack may want to comp it. Erica, can you call Jared to get details please? Rodney will talk to Jack about the comp issue. Thanks.  
██████████

From: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov) [/o=██████████ou=WDC/cn=Recipients/cn=abramoff] on behalf of Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
 Sent: Thursday, March 06, 2003 9:30 PM  
 To: Italia Federici  
 Subject: RE: Saginaw Chippewa Tribe -- School Cost Share

Thanks.

-----Original Message-----  
 From: Italia Federici (mailto:italia██████████)  
 Sent: Thursday, March 06, 2003 8:07 PM  
 To: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
 Subject: RE: Saginaw Chippewa Tribe -- School Cost Share

got it...

-----Original Message-----  
 From: abramoffj (mailto:abramoffj██████████)  
 Sent: Thursday, March 06, 2003 4:25 PM  
 To: italia██████████  
 Subject: FW: Saginaw Chippewa Tribe -- School Cost Share

Please let me know if you can call Steve on this. Thanks so much Italia!

-----Original Message-----  
 From: Boulanger, Todd (Dir-DC-Gov)  
 Sent: Thursday, March 06, 2003 4:25 PM  
 To: 'Italia Federici'  
 Cc: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
 Subject: Saginaw Chippewa Tribe -- School Cost Share

Below is an email from our client, the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe in Michigan. As you can see, BIA is dragging it's feet with regard to the cost share program. If it wasn't for the Saginaw, the program wouldn't even exist and now the BIA needs to have a meeting to discuss the implications of the language because they don't think the Saginaw are eligible for the money because they currently don't operate a BIA school and/or are not on the school construction priority list.

Well, the language we included in the bill made no reference to either BIA control or the priority list. I know this because I wrote it. We also included a colloquy with Senator Stabenow and Senator Burns clarifying the Saginaw were responsible for this.

We're really going to need someone from the top down to tell Aurene Martin (who hasn't been hostile at all) that this money is going to the Saginaw, period. Your thoughts?

--Todd

\*Just spoke with Dr. Ken Ross at BIA New Mexico office. He indicated concerns he has over the school cost-share legislation, which he interprets no Tribes can receive the money if they were not on the September 1996 BIA schools list. Therefore, he does not believe the Tribe is eligible. Dr. Ross indicated that he is meeting with Aurene Martin and the BIA legal counsel next Tuesday to discuss the program. He wants to create criteria and had concerns about equity. Boyd Robinson of the same office indicated yesterday that he knows of other Tribes interested in the construction funds. Ross will not send any forms for the monies until after he obtains legal counsel from BIA. \*

Just spoke with Ken Ross at BIA, New Mexico. He indicated that the Interior Assistant Secretary will handle the issue and send a letter. However, Ross stated that Aurene Martin and her legal counsel shared concerns over the legal aspects. Ross stated this issue is in the hands of the Assistant Secretary.

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Italia Federici

From: Italia Federici [Italia ██████████]  
 Sent: Sunday, March 09, 2003 11:39 AM  
 To: abramoffj@██████████  
 Subject: RE: Jena Choctaw Update

Hi Jack: I will call you on Monday with whatever I can find out...

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

From: abramoffj@██████████ [mailto:abramoffj@██████████]  
 Sent: Sunday, March 09, 2003 10:04 AM  
 To: italia@██████████  
 Subject: FW: Jena Choctaw Update

I am not sure what more you can do on this, but it seems it's crunch time on Jena.

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

From: Short, Stephanie Leger (Assoc-DC-Gov/Adm)  
 Sent: Friday, March 07, 2003 6:35 PM  
 To: Boulanger, Todd (Dir-DC-Gov); Ring, Kevin (Shld-DC-Gov); Vasell, Shawn (Dir-DC-Gov/Adm); Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
 Subject: FW: Jena Choctaw Update

Can we find out anything from inside BIA on timing?  
 Stephanie Leger Short

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**From:** Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
**Sent:** Monday, March 10, 2003 10:53 AM  
**To:** 'Italia Federici office'  
**Subject:** FW: Reminder

This is the biggie for Saginaw Chippewa.

-----Original Message-----  
**From:** Boulanger, Todd (Dir-DC-Gov)  
**Sent:** Monday, March 10, 2003 11:37 AM  
**To:** Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
**Subject:** FW: Reminder

I hope Italia got in touch with Giles about our cost share problem...it's going to be discussed at tomorrows internal meeting.

-----Original Message-----  
**From:** Chris [mailto:cpetras@...]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 10, 2003 11:32 AM  
**To:** Boulanger, Todd (Dir-DC-Gov)  
**Subject:** Reminder

Just a quick reminder that BIA, New Mexico is meeting with Aurene Martin and her legal counsel tomorrow on the school cost-share. Also, the Zibiwing road data will be here in 10 minutes. Only some of the actual cost data is available from the county road commission. The remainder will have to come from the museum, which I highly doubt has road cost data. Perhaps it is listed in the line item inside the museum folder you have.

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**From:** Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov) [/o=██████████ou=WDC/cn=Recipients/cn=abramoffj] on behalf of Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
**Sent:** Monday, March 17, 2003 10:55 AM  
**To:** 'Rodney Lane'  
**Subject:** RE: CREA party

We have to comp it, but submit the receipt to me and we'll put it on the SagChip bill. Also, I did not realize they wanted this on a Thursday. From now on if they want an event, we have to tell them, if they ask for a Thursday, that they need to chose another night. As it turns out, this Thursday might be really slow because of the war.

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

**From:** Rodney Lane [mailto:laner██████████]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 17, 2003 11:49 AM  
**To:** Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
**Subject:** CREA party

Thursday, March 20, 2003 - Reception  
CREA  
50 to 75pp @ 6 to 9 pm; Window & Board Rooms  
Jared Carpenter ██████████

I'm finding out what they have pre-ordered for this party and getting a sense from Erica as to what they expect. Given that this party is on a Thursday (generally on of our best potential evenings) and these guys will be taking the room for 3 hours (which I'm guessing will amount to a few thousand bucks) we are going to take a pretty big hit if comped. It would be nice if we can capitalize on some or all of that revenue. Did you already tell Italia that we would comp it?

Italia Federici

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From: abramoffj [REDACTED]  
Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2003 8:30 AM  
To: Italia [REDACTED]  
Subject: FW: where are we on the Sag Chip school cost share situation?

The BIA guys are trying to punish Sag Chip for not getting their way.

-----Original Message-----  
From: Boulanger, Todd (Dir-DC-Gov)  
Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2003 8:11 AM  
To: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
Subject: Re: where are we on the Sag Chip school cost share situation?

The tribe sent interior a letter saying they were interested...but interior is still soliciting applications from other tribes...not good.

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Todd Anthony Boulanger

-----Original Message-----  
From: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov) <abramoffj [REDACTED]>  
To: Boulanger, Todd (Dir-DC-Gov) <boulangerT [REDACTED]>  
Sent: Tue Mar 18 07:44:04 2003  
Subject: where are we on the Sag Chip school cost share situation?

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Italia Federici

From: abramoffj [REDACTED]  
 Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2003 11:02 PM  
 To: italia [REDACTED]  
 Subject: FW: This is a problem...

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The lobbyists pulled a fast one here. You should give Steve a heads up. Most of the delegation and most of the state are still very much against this. We HAVE to stop this. It totally kills Coughatta.

-----Original Message-----  
 From: Short, Stephanie Leger (Assoc-DC-Gov/Adm)  
 Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2003 4:26 PM  
 To: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov); Mike Scanlon (E-mail); Chris Cathcart (E-mail)  
 Subject: This is a problem...

This letter went out today. According to the LA in the [REDACTED] office, the COS suggested changes and [REDACTED] himself said he wanted to sign it. A former COS asked [REDACTED] to do this personally. There are statements in this letter that directly contradict former [REDACTED] statements so I really can't understand why he signed it (other than [REDACTED] the former COS). I have sent to [REDACTED] for him to take this up with [REDACTED]. I am working on a litigation. [REDACTED]'s office is TICKED. Am waiting to talk to [REDACTED] office. Will keep you posted.

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From: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov) [/o=██████████ou=WDC/cn=Recipients/cn=abramoff] on behalf of Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
 Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2003 6:41 AM  
 To: Italia Federici  
 Subject: RE: Mashpee for Griles

Hi Italia. I'll get you the info on Sag Chip and Jena asap. On Mashpee, should I have the documents faxed? Please let me know where. Thanks so much.

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

From: Italia Federici [mailto:italia.██████████]  
 Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2003 12:24 AM  
 To: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
 Subject: RE: Mashpee for Griles

Hi Jack:

I will call Steve tonight - not a problem even though it's late b/c he's in Florida with his two sons for a quick break - theirs from school. The attachments are un-openable. They are attached as text only, not as actual attachments...

Re: Saginaw - what is the current status?

re: Jena - can you get me the most complete list of Congressional opposition to Jena that you have? I heard that there was at least one congressman in support... Need to make sure that congressional opposition - the most update info and their activities - is seen by all.

By the way...CREA event at signatures on Thursday evening!

--Italia

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

From: abramoffj [mailto:abramoffj.██████████]  
 Sent: Monday, March 17, 2003 10:46 PM  
 To: italia.██████████  
 Subject: FW: Mashpee for Griles  
 Importance: High

Italia, this regards the tribe in Massachusetts and is quite urgent. Can you read this and let me know if you think this is something we can raise urgently with Steve? It seems like an incredibly reasonable approach and would benefit Interior, but we have to get to him. can we?

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

From: Vasell, Shawn (Dir-DC-Gov/Adm)  
 Sent: Monday, March 17, 2003 6:10 PM  
 To: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov); Smith, Michael D. (Shld-DC-Gov/Adm)  
 Subject: Mashpee for Griles  
 Importance: High

The basic argument for Griles follows. In addition, three briefing papers are attached that should be sent along. The first provides a history of the Tribe's actions in federal court. The second highlights the Tribe's dealings with the Department of Interior. The third outlines the significant Tribe's history and the compelling reasons why the Mashpee should be federally recognized.

It is unfortunate we were unable to meet today to discuss. Please let me know if you have



any questions or concerns.

**The Department of the Interior Should Suspend Their Appeal in Federal Court**

The Department of the Interior should suspend their appeal in federal court. Procedurally, DOI's appeal is on shaky ground. The Department failed to file a timely or proper motion for reconsideration. First, the Department's January 9th "Motion for Reconsideration and For Leave to File Supporting Memorandum on January 15, 2002" was filed one day after the January 8th due date. The Department is attempting to claim that December 24th was a federal holiday, but precedence does not support this argument. In any event, even if it had been filed on the due date, the January 9th filing was insufficient to constitute a motion for reconsideration. Instead, the filing was a mere placeholder - declaring the Department's intent to seek reconsideration and stating that the grounds for seeking reconsideration would be subsequently filed. The January 9th filing thus did not constitute a valid motion for reconsideration, and con not toll the time to file an appeal. Therefore, it is likely that the Department's appeal will be ruled untimely and will be dismissed.

If the Department loses the appeal, District Court Judge James Robertson is poised to enforce compliance with his previous orders. This would likely mean that the Department would have fewer than 2 weeks to reach a decision on the Mashpee's federal recognition application. To avert this, the Mashpee are willing to provide the Department additional time to reach its decision provided a strict timeline is part of the settlement. This is the best scenario for all involved parties.

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Tlk Pts for DOI.doc>> <<Facts and Historical Events of the Mashpee.doc>>

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From: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
 Sent: Monday, March 24, 2003 3:22 PM  
 To: Italia [REDACTED]  
 Subject: Re: School Cost Share

Phew. Thanks!  
 Jack Abramoff

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

From: Italia Federici <italia [REDACTED]>  
 To: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov) <abramoffj [REDACTED]>  
 Sent: Mon Mar 24 15:24:41 2003  
 Subject: RE: School Cost Share

Don't worry. He just came back with what their line was and I got him the right info. He knew they would say something we disagreed with.

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

From: abramoffj [mailto:abramoffj [REDACTED]]  
 Sent: Monday, March 24, 2003 3:20 PM  
 To: italia [REDACTED]  
 Subject: RE: School Cost Share

Italia, what's going on? Is Steve buying the line from the BIA?

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

From: Boulanger, Todd (Dir-DC-Gov)  
 Sent: Monday, March 24, 2003 2:31 PM  
 To: 'Italia Federici'  
 Cc: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
 Subject: School Cost Share  
 Importance: High

BIA is citing section 5212 of the Tribally Controlled Schools Act of 1988 as their reference on why the Saginaw are not eligible to receive money. This language was put into the cost share provision in the Omnibus (pages 232 and 233 of the omnibus). The language citation under this section says NOTHING about being a school on the list, prior to 1988, or whatever they are coming up with. etc.

Remember, when you talk to them to say that this is a demonstration program...it was created to be innovative. We also have the Senate colloquy between Senators Burns (chairman of Interior) and Stabenow saying the tribe is eligible (shows intent). We also have the letter from the MI delegation claiming responsibility for the earmark.

The definition given under this section is the following (and works precisely with our language). I've attached longer versions of each cited code provision:

(9) Tribally controlled school

The term "tribally controlled school" means a school that--

(A) is operated by an Indian tribe or a tribal organization, enrolling students in kindergarten through grade 12, including a preschool;

(B) is not a local educational agency; and

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(C) is not directly administered by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

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From: Boulanger, Todd (Dir-DC-Gov)  
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2003 1:36 PM  
To: 'Itaia Federici'  
Cc: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
Subject: FW: school cost-share  
Importance: High

Itaia, this situation at Interior is getting ridiculous. They are so wrong in their interpretation that it's silly. I don't want to have to go to Secretary Norton to get this done, but we may have to have [REDACTED] request a meeting. I don't want to do this, but they are leaving us very few options.

-----Original Message-----  
From: Boulanger, Todd (Dir-DC-Gov)  
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2003 2:28 PM  
To: 'Chris'  
Cc: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
Subject: RE: school cost-share  
Importance: High

You need to call them back and discuss the following with them:

\* BIA is citing section 5212 of the Tribally Controlled Schools Act of 1988 as their reference on why the Saginaw are not eligible to receive money. This language was put into the cost share provision in the Omnibus (pages 232 and 233 of the omnibus). The language citation under this section says NOTHING about being a school on "the list" prior to 1988, or whatever they are coming up with, etc. You need to tell them that their tribal lawyers need to do their research instead of making BLATANTLY FALSE statements.

\* The definition given under this section (Section 2511 9 (A)(B)(C) is the following and works precisely with our language. I've attached longer versions of each cited code provision for you to whack them with. I've also attached the Colloquy between the [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Not only is the language clear, we inserted a colloquy for the sole purpose of avoiding career employee interpretations.

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The term "tribally controlled school" means a school that--

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(B) is not a local educational agency; and

(C) is not directly administered by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

-----Original Message-----  
From: Chris [mailto:cpetras@...]  
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2003 2:19 PM

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To: Boufanger, Todd (Dir-DC-Gov)  
Cc: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
Subject: school cost-share

Ken Ross at BIA, New Mexico is resisting the Tribe's request. The education Director called and Ross gave her a hard time saying the request is on hold and that the actual legislation places restrictions on who is eligible for funding (only BIA funded school systems by October 1995). When the SCIT Director of Education asked for clarification so she could write down the exact wording of what he said. She claims his response was "Look at the Language in the Omnibus." She felt he was very rude.

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Italia Federici

From: abramoffj@ [REDACTED]  
 Sent: Thursday, April 03, 2003 11:21 PM  
 To: italia@ [REDACTED]  
 Subject: RE: urgent alert - DOI Proposes Policy Change in Compact Review Process

No problem. I am pushing like mad. No check yet, but we'll get one asap.

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

From: Italia Federici [mailto:italia@ [REDACTED]]  
 Sent: Thursday, April 03, 2003 3:06 PM  
 To: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
 Subject: RE: urgent alert - DOI Proposes Policy Change in Compact Review Process

Hi Jack: I will definitely see what I can find out. I hate to bug you, but is there any news about a possible contribution from the [REDACTED] LEAs launch is rapidly approaching and we are very very committed. I pretty worried about getting everything in place. As for the good news, things are moving forward and I had a very good meeting yesterday with [REDACTED] from NRCC. He thinks LEA is great and will be extremely helpful to our guys! Thanks for all your help! --Italia

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

From: abramoffj@ [REDACTED] [mailto:abramoffj@ [REDACTED]]  
 Sent: Thursday, April 03, 2003 12:00 PM  
 To: italia@ [REDACTED]  
 Subject: FW: urgent alert - DOI Proposes Policy Change in Compact Review Process  
 Importance: High

If this attached memo is correct, someone over at BIA is doing some really odd things. Any way to see if this is something coming from the top? All our tribes are very agitated about this one. Thanks Italia.

<<4-1-03URGENT ALERT.doc>> Kevin - Per our conversation, I'll place calls as well to [REDACTED] ofc.

Frank Chaves  
 Director  
 Economic Development Department  
 [REDACTED]

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

From: John Harte [mailto:jharte@ [REDACTED]]  
 Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2003 5:50 PM  
 To: bassvincent@ [REDACTED]; fchaves@ [REDACTED];  
 jlcoin@aol.com; james.starre@ [REDACTED]; jeriannethomas@ [REDACTED];  
 migae@ [REDACTED]; jmccoy@ [REDACTED];  
 lcorne13@ [REDACTED]; rthomas@ [REDACTED]; Roland Johnson  
 (Roland Johnson); ttburris@ [REDACTED]  
 Cc: John Harte  
 Subject: FW: urgent alert - DOI Proposes Policy Change in Compact Review Process  
 Importance: High

The Interior Department is considering making a drastic policy change in its

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Italia Federici

From: abramoffj@ [REDACTED]  
 Sent: Thursday, April 10, 2003 10:23 AM  
 To: italia@ [REDACTED]  
 Subject: [REDACTED]

Thanks Italia. I met last night with the [REDACTED]. They offered [REDACTED] but I felt badly asking them since they are not getting any cooperation yet. Perhaps once the court case clears in a few weeks Steve might be able to grab control of this. They are great folks. Still all set for [REDACTED] tomorrow and, if all goes well, [REDACTED] on Monday. That will more than cover all your costs.

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

From: Italia Federici [mailto:italia@ [REDACTED]]  
 Sent: Thursday, April 10, 2003 9:58 AM  
 To: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
 Subject: [REDACTED]

Thank you so much Jack. Just able to respond to this because we are working out of the Teamsters building for the remainder of the week in order to better get everything organized. FYI - the total cost for this project is around 43k - including advance, travel, pr, materials, letterhead, website, banners, etc...some of these costs we won't need to duplicate in the future. We are doing a couple of media events here for roll-out and then going to 3 states - NY, NJ, PA. I have never done projects that require travel for multiple people before, so I'm not sure if we are above or below the norm - budget-wise.

Thanks again for everything! If anyone needs me right away, it's probably best to call my cell thru Friday...

--Italia

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

From: abramoffj@ [REDACTED] [mailto:abramoffj@ [REDACTED]]  
 Sent: Wednesday, April 09, 2003 8:24 AM  
 To: italia@ [REDACTED]  
 Subject: [REDACTED]

They have to vote the checks approved, which they are going to do on Friday. [REDACTED] said he would get it to us as early next week as he can. I think it's pretty set, but obviously we don't have it yet.

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From: abramoff@  
 Sent: Friday, April 11, 2003 12:24 PM  
 To: italia@  
 Subject: FW: BIA

Any idea?

-----Original Message-----  
 From: Ring, Kevin (Shld-DC-Gov)  
 Sent: Friday, April 11, 2003 10:28 AM  
 To: DCChoctaw  
 Subject: BIA

Aurene Martin told Sandia Governor that she thinks White House is soon going to name someone else to be BIA Asst Secy. Anyone else heard that?

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From: abramoff@  
 Sent: Thursday, April 10, 2003 5:28 PM  
 To: boulangerT@, italia@, italiacrea@  
 Subject: RE: Letter from Interior to Camp

Italia, this is unbelievable! Steve promised me that they would do a letter to the chairmen and send it to me first. Can you find out what's up with this? Should I call him?

-----Original Message-----  
 From: Boulanger, Todd (Dir-DC-Gov)  
 Sent: Thursday, April 10, 2003 4:11 PM  
 To: Italia Federici (E-mail); Italia Federici (E-mail 2)  
 Cc: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
 Subject: Letter from Interior to Camp  
 Importance: High

<< File: Fax Image.TIF >> Hi Italia,  
 I think Griles would like to know that BIA is sending out letters denying the release of cost share funds to the Saginaw before the clarification letter to and has been received in addressed.

I sure you will find this interesting.

-Todd

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



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Italia Federici

From: abramoff@██████████  
 Sent: Monday, April 28, 2003 12:09 PM  
 To: italia@██████████  
 Subject: RE: FYI - from the Detroit news...

Are you around on cell to chat? We Weke just handed a major screw job from DoI, totally opposite of what Steve told me on the phone. Saginaw does not know yet, but might even terminate our contract over this. I am dumbfounded. Don't do anything until we chat.

-----Original Message-----  
 From: Italia Federici [mailto:italia@██████████]  
 Sent: Monday, April 28, 2003 11:06 AM  
 To: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
 Subject: RE: FYI - from the Detroit news...

Thanks Jack! I am compiling all of the press and will get copies of everything over to you when we are done. The announcement on the 16th was picked up in 17 states (Boston Globe, Philly Inquirer, Las Vegas Sun, Seattle Post Intelligencer, Ft Lauderdale Sun Sentinel, Minnesota Star Tribune, etc...big, widely read papers!). In PA and NY, television stations carried the events we did with members. The Wall Street Journal said they would write something after our ed-board meeting went so well...

By the way, have the checks from the ██████████ been sent yet by any chance? Now that we are back from our trip people are sending me invoices and want reimbursements, etc. The bills are starting to pile up. I really want to pay you back, and I definitely don't want to make the Teamsters vendors wait for payment. That would not be well. All of the Teamsters commitments are taken care of and I am worried that if we don't get our stuff paid and out of the way, they will not want to go back out to the states with us. Also, CREA's environmental board members want reimbursements. I don't want them to be apprehensive about going into the states with us again. They did such a great job this time out. The Teamsters are talking about us all going to Michigan over memorial day weekend to do events for the administration's Clear Skies initiative.

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Italia Federici

From: abramofj@██████████  
Sent: Thursday, May 01, 2003 2:07 PM  
To: italia@██████████  
Subject: just heard from ██████████


He hopes to have final authority as of tomorrow for the check and bring it with him on Tuesday next week. G-D.willing! :-)

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Italia Federici

From: abramofj@██████████  
Sent: Thursday, May 01, 2003 1:02 PM  
To: italia@██████████  
Subject: Letter from BIA to Breaux

  
AWDC-PS10014F8F1.  
TIP Oh my goodness!!! They are about to screw the Coushattas, and the other tribes there as well! Can you bring this to Steve's attention? We MUST get this stopped. Thanks so much.

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**Italia Federici**

From: Italia Federici [Italia@██████████]  
 Sent: Monday, May 12, 2003 11:34 AM  
 To: abramoffj@glaw.com  
 Subject: RE: sensitive matter

thanks

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

From: abramoffj@██████████ (mailto:abramoffj@██████████)  
 Sent: Monday, May 12, 2003 8:50 AM  
 To: italia@██████████  
 Subject: sensitive matter

Hi Italia. I should not raise the following with Steve. There is a DoI IG in Louisiana named Larry Gill. A few years ago, he showed up at Choctaw around the time of chief martin's re-election and started to infer that there was some proper basis of a corruption probe, which was used by the Chief's opponents. They lost and of course there was nothing, not even a real probe. Just a political fire drill because of this guy Gill. Now, it is election time again, and guess who is back? Larry Gill.

In the past, Gill set up in a local motel and at the country library. Then, Choctaws intent on disruptions sent fliers out intimating that the IG was here to investigate tribal wrongdoing. Last week, one of the candidates from the Pearl River Community notified Jim Clancy, Choctaw tribal AG, that Mr. Gill was once again in the area, "talking to people and taking complaints" about tribal employees who are "working at the Chief's campaign headquarters" on tribal time. Again, this seems totally politically motivated.

Worse, there is now a reason for the IG to focus on the Coushatta elections. Last week, someone broke into the Tribal Office and stole all paperwork related to the recall of our ally William Worfel. They were looking for and got a list of names of people who had signed onto previous recall efforts, in an attempt to get William this time. the Coushattas want Gill to oversee their elections. It is a perfect situation where Steve could direct Gill out of Mississippi and to focus on Coushatta. It is urgent and our friends are desperate. Can you call him?

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Italia Federici

From: abramoffj@██████████  
 Sent: Monday, May 12, 2003 11:28 PM  
 To: italia@██████████  
 Subject: FW: BIA has rescinded all Special Law Enforcement Commissions

This is unbelievable! Steve needs to fire Aurene and clean out that place. Can you imagine if they don't turn this one around? Please get this to him if you can. It's from Choctaw. PS: great to see you tonight!

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

From: Nell Rogers (mailto:NellRogers@██████████)  
 Sent: Monday, May 12, 2003 4:04 PM  
 To: Ring, Kevin (Shld-DC-Gov); Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
 Subject: BIA has rescinded all Special Law Enforcement Commissions

Hi, this is a heads-up to you both on a pretty important matter. The BIA, nationally, has rescinded all Special Law Enforcement Commissions for tribes, with no forewarning. These are the commissions which makes tribal police federally commissioned officers and, here at Choctaw, makes it possible for Choctaw officers to arrest non-Indians for federal crimes to include traffic and DUI violations. This means, because of some quirks in Mississippi law, that non-Indian DUI violators can not be arrested by either tribal or state law enforcement, even if death or injury occurs. Also, the assistant US attorney has advised that immediately the tribe can no longer use the federal magistrate system which has been established for the reservation. Apparently, there was no forewarning, just a letter to the tribes and there is no real substantive reason given. This has the potential for very serious law enforcement issues, given the beginning of the vacation season and the opening of the water park, beach, and Hard Rock, all of which will have lots of non-Indian visitors. PM has a draft letter to Secretary Norton which I will be faxing shortly to you. I expect that he will send the letter but he wanted to get you into the loop.  
 Thanks

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Italia Federici

From: abramoff@  
 Sent: Sunday, June 08, 2003 1:09 PM  
 To: Italia@  
 Subject: FW: letters

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I hope this will satisfy what our friend requested. Can you check with him?

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Italia Federici

From: abramoff@  
 Sent: Monday, June 02, 2003 11:02 PM  
 To: Italia@  
 Subject: Steve

Want to see if we can get a sense as to where we are on the following:

1. Sac and Fox (very important and urgent - they are now in town,
2. Saginaw Chippewa school cost share program (he got a big time letter from the chairmen of the House and Senate Interior Approps committees; no reaction)
3. moving the Inspector General from Choctaw Mississippi to Coushatta election (too late since Coushatta election was Saturday, but we need to get that guy GARY GILL out of Choctaw,
4. Mashpee (probably nothing up there)
5. Jena (just to reconfirm that that is not moving)

Thanks.

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**From:** Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov) [/o=██████████You=WDC/cn=Recipients/cn=abramoff] on behalf of Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 31, 2003 4:26 PM  
**To:** 'Italia Federici office'  
**Subject:** Saginaw Cost Share

This is that tribe's key issue for the year. You might recall that Lynn Scarlett sent that letter, to which the chairmen of House and Senate Interior Approps responded strongly. Now we have heard nothing. I can't chat with Steve, as you know. what can we do? they are really pissed at me. anything possible?

Italia Federici

From: abramoffj@ [REDACTED]  
 Sent: Friday, September 05, 2003 3:20 PM  
 To: italia@ [REDACTED]  
 Subject: are you in town?

Italia Federici

From: abramoffj@ [REDACTED]  
 Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2003 3:35 PM  
 To: italia@ [REDACTED]  
 Subject: FW: school cost share

I hate to keep asking for your help, but I am in a real bad situation on this cost share. We had the chairmen write to the Secretary, but no one is responding to them, and I can't get a meeting with anyone. Any ideas?

-----Original Message-----  
 From: Chris [mailto:cpetras@gte.net]  
 Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2003 1:41 PM  
 To: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
 Cc: Boulanger, Todd (Dir-DC-Gov)  
 Subject: school cost share

Just received a message from Ken Ross. He stated that BIA officials are having a meeting next week (Wed-Thur) in New Mexico to discuss the school cost share issue. He indicated that Aureen Martin is handling the issue and that they are taking their cues from her.

Italia Federici

From: abramoffj@ [REDACTED]  
 Sent: Sunday, August 17, 2003 1:51 PM  
 To: italia@ [REDACTED]  
 Subject: FW: Saginaw Cost Share

Any updates on this one?

-----Original Message-----  
 From: Italia Federici [mailto:italia@ [REDACTED]]  
 Sent: Saturday, August 02, 2003 6:58 PM  
 To: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)  
 Subject: RE: Saginaw Cost Share

Hi Jack:

Just got this because I was not email accessible. Please feel free to call me if there is an urgent matter. I don't want your correspondence to go unanswered for days at a time. I will try to talk to someone about this first thing.

--Italia  
 -----Original Message-----  
 From: abramoffj@ [REDACTED] [mailto:abramoffj@ [REDACTED]]  
 Sent: Thursday, July 31, 2003 5:35 PM  
 To: italia@ [REDACTED]  
 Subject: Saginaw Cost Share





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Ralph E. Reed, Jr.  
President

John -

This went to our pro-family  
in Louisiana so they could call &  
write [redacted] & he  
could capture their names and be  
in touch with them.

-FYI.

-Ralph