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The Honorable Byron L. Dorgan  
United States Senate

Subject: Independent Counsel: Advisory and Assistance Services Procured by the  
Office of Independent Counsel Kenneth W. Starr

Dear Senator Dorgan:

This letter responds to your December 18, 1998, request regarding advisory and assistance service contracts that the office of independent counsel Kenneth W. Starr procured. Specifically, you asked that we obtain information regarding (1) the number of such contracts entered into, (2) the expenditures made for each contract, and (3) the services provided under each contract.

Enclosure 1 contains information provided by the office of independent counsel for the three categories above. The information covers the 57 contractors the office used during the period from Mr. Starr's appointment on August 5, 1994, through May 13, 1999. As agreed with your office, we did not audit the information presented in the enclosure.

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We provided a draft of this letter to officials in the office of independent counsel for their review and comment. The officials provided certain corrections to the information in the letter, which we incorporated. Further, in written comments included as enclosure 2, a Deputy Independent Counsel noted that the draft letter accurately represented the information provided by the office of independent counsel. We are sending copies of this letter to other interested parties. Please contact me on (202) 512-9489 if you or your staff have any questions about this letter.

Sincerely yours,

David L. Clark  
Director, Audit Oversight and Liaison

Enclosures

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**Office of Independent Counsel Kenneth W. Starr**  
**Advisory and Assistance Service Contracts and Expenditures**  
**For the Period August 5, 1994, Through May 13, 1999**  
**(Unaudited)**

Service provider	Service	Expenditures
<b>Appraisers:</b>		
David Craig & Company	Real estate appraisals	\$16,207
Driscoll, Richard	Miscellaneous appraisals	\$263
Willis-Vento, Caroline	Miscellaneous appraisals	\$450
<b>Computer analysis/services:</b>		
Kirkpatrick & Lockhart	Computer analysis and data recovery	\$8,425
Mnemonic Systems Incorporated/Nichols Research	Computer support, maintenance, data analysis, and database management	\$591,915
Ontrack	Computer analysis and data recovery	\$37,230
<b>Court reporters:</b>		
Deposition Services	Deposition and transcription	\$34,339
Diversified Reporting	Court reporting and transcription	\$135,992
Foreman, Tammie	Court reporting and transcription	\$63,533
<b>Criminal investigators:</b>		
a	a	\$341,703
a	a	\$245,914
a	a	\$240,358
a	a	\$198,404
a	a	\$182,400
a	a	\$156,785
a	a	\$81,713
a	a	\$38,768
a	a	\$31,140
a	a	\$804
<b>Financial consultants:</b>		
Czurylo & Thullen LLC	Financial analysis	\$2,370
Rooney, P.J.	Internal financial reporting, reconciliation of expenditures, and auditing and financial control	\$177,096
<b>Jury consultants:</b>		
Cathy E. Bennett & Associates	Jury consulting	\$26,701
Camp & Associates	Jury research and focus group sessions	\$26,321
Decision Analysis	Jury consulting and research	\$55,380

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Zagnoli, McEvoy, Foley Ltd.	Jury consulting	\$38,909
<b>Legal consultants:</b>		
Bates, Stephen	Legal advice and counsel	\$18,812
Beysellance, Cherry Joy	Legal advice and counsel	\$14,648
Dash, Samuel	Legal and ethics advice and counsel	\$300,000
Duffey, William/King & Spalding	Legal advice and counsel	\$5,168
Friedman, Richard	Legal and ethics advice and counsel	\$2,530
Kelly, George T.	Legal advice and counsel	\$9,450
Kelley, William	Legal and ethics advice and counsel	\$40,850
Leipold, Andrew	Legal and ethics advice and counsel	\$88,800
Maggs, Gregory	Legal and ethics advice and counsel	\$56,058
Mann, Ronald	Legal and ethics advice and counsel	\$44,650
O'Sullivan, Julie	Legal advice and counsel	\$258
Rotunda, Ronald	Legal and ethics advice and counsel	\$197,970
Rutledge, William E.	Legal advice and counsel	\$3,130
Shaw Pittman Potts & Trowbridge	Legal advice and counsel	\$49,706
Wolohojian, G.	Legal advice and counsel	\$11,128
<b>Legal representation:</b>		
Locke Purnell Rain Harrell	Legal representation in a suit brought against the office of independent counsel	\$106,812
<sup>b</sup>	<sup>b</sup>	\$266,898
<b>Medical consultants:</b>		
Berman, Alan Dr.	Medical consultation	\$30,420
Blackbourne, Brian Dr.	Medical consultation	\$10,500
Compass Orthopedics	Medical consultation	\$10,500
Crippin, Jeffrey S., M.D.	Medical consultation	\$900
Lee, Henry Dr.	Medical consultation	\$8,491
Millis, J. Michael	Medical consultation	\$4,500
Pulmonary Associates	Medical consultation	\$756
<b>Security:</b>		
Kroll Associates	Security risk analysis and assessment of office facilities and space	\$25,346
Spellings & Associates	Security risk analysis of office	\$2,200
Vucci, James	Regular hours' security detail	\$40,225
<b>Other:</b>		
Cameron Communications	Preparation for congressional testimony	\$7,500
Ford Motor Company	Car leasing	\$32,284

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Landess, Michael	Media and library research	\$20,920
Lesnevich, Gus R.	Handwriting analysis	\$6,702
Morris, James	Technical writing and editing	\$6,375

<sup>a</sup>The names of criminal investigators are not provided for security reasons. The investigators have provided a wide range of services involving all aspects of the investigation, including interviewing and documenting witness statements and handling and analyzing evidence.

<sup>b</sup>The organization provided the office of independent counsel with legal representation on a sealed matter before the U.S. District Court, District of Columbia, and is, therefore, not identified.

Source: Office of Independent Counsel Kenneth W. Starr.

Comments From the Office of the Independent Counsel



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August 13, 1999

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Re: Draft Report to the Honorable Byron L. Dorgan:  
Advisory and Assistance Services

Dear Sir:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft of your report to Senator Dorgan. We have a few brief comments on the draft report, in addition to the corrections which we made today during a meeting with Thomas Broderick and Hodge Herry.

The data presented in your report faithfully reproduces the data we provided to GAO upon its request. We would make the following additional points to supplement the data presented:

First, the Office of Independent Counsel has made no effort to formally audit the data provided to the General Accounting Office. The data we have provided for your use is derived from our internal accounting system and we make every attempt to insure its accuracy. However, the information is, nonetheless, unaudited data.

Second, we note that the General Accounting Office's semi-annual audits of our Office have been uniformly unremarkable. As the General Accounting Office has routinely concluded, "for the controls we [the General Accounting Office] tested, we found no material weaknesses in the internal control structure and [the Office of Independent Counsel's] operations." The General Accounting Office has also noted that "[o]ur audit tests for compliance with selected provisions of laws and regulations disclosed no instances of noncompliance that would be reportable under generally accepted government auditing standards." Though these conclusions do not, involve the particular expenditures described in the draft report, we are confident that the expenditures

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cataloged in the report were all consistent with applicable laws and regulations.

Third, 28 U.S.C. § 595(D)(1)(C) requires an independent counsel to comply with established Departmental policies regarding expenditures. Beyond our adherence to this requirement, we think it is significant to note that many of the expenditures on which you report were, in fact, expenditures under the auspices of the Department of Justice. For example, we pay for court reporting services as riders to an existing Department of Justice contract. Thus, in many instances, our expenditures were at rates identical to, and consistent with, those incurred by the Department of Justice.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft report.

Sincerely,



Jay Apperson  
Deputy Independent Counsel

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