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

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-----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 HC6 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@[REDACTED]
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@[REDACTED] [mailto:Italiacrea@[REDACTED]]
Sent: Tuesday, January 30, 2001 12:13 PM
To: abramoffj@[REDACTED]
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 (Dir-DC-Gov)
Sent: Thursday, March 01, 2001 11:43 AM
To: 'Italia@ [REDACTED]'
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@ [REDACTED]>
To: Jack Abramoff <abramoffj@ [REDACTED]>
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], 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@REDACTED [mailto:abramoffj@REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2001 6:40 PM
To: italia@REDACTED; Italiacrea@REDACTED
Subject: urgent tribal issue

Hi 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: italia@██████████
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 (AstDir-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 tribes. These 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 by 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: [REDACTED]

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

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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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SENDER'S E-MAIL: kvanhoof@[REDACTED]

March 30, 2001

VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

Mr. Jack A. Abramoff
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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

KFV:jms
Enclosure

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From: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov) [/o= [REDACTED] ou=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@ [REDACTED]]
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2001 10:59 AM
To: abramoffj@ [REDACTED]
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@ [REDACTED] [mailto:abramoffj@ [REDACTED]]
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2001 10:51 AM
To: italia@ [REDACTED]
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@ [REDACTED]]
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2001 10:50 AM
To: abramoffj@ [REDACTED]
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@ [REDACTED] [mailto:abramoffj@ [REDACTED]]
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2001 4:12 AM
To: italia@ [REDACTED]
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: ██████████

I 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 q&a. 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 are effective and don't take it personally. Now it is everyone saying that to him but it is 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:italia@██████████]
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: italia@██████████
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:italia@██████████]
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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Italia Federici

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 (Saipan. No replacement in site. Might be a good time to see if the position should be filled...:-)

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Italia Federici

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: abramoffj@██████████
 To: KVanhoof@██████████, rudy@██████████, rasells@██████████
 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: abramoffj@██████████, rudy@██████████, rasells@██████████
 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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Italia Federici

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 Coughshattás (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

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:kerrieandkevina@██████████]
Sent: Thursday, July 12, 2001 10:21 PM
To: vassel@██████████ rudyte@██████████ boulanger@██████████ abramoffj@██████████

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

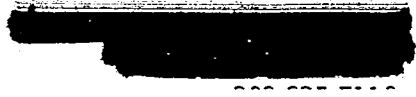


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Thank you again Jack!

--Italia

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

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

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Council of
Republicans for
Environmental
Advocacy

Fax [REDACTED]

Memorandum

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

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
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Italia Federici

From: abramoffj@[REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 20, 2001 12:34 AM
To: italia@[REDACTED]
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@[REDACTED]]
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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wanna learn:

email to postmaster@gtlaw.com.

Italia Federici

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.

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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@██████████>
To: Roseman, Courtney (AdmAst-DC-Gov/Adm) <roseman@██████████>
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:cpetras@██████████]
Sent: Thursday, September 20, 2001 8:41 AM
To: abramoffj@██████████
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@██████████ <abramoffj@██████████>
To: cpetras@██████████ <cpetras@██████████>
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 Sec. Norton, 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 Kikapoo) are participating. I know it is terribly last minute, and probably way out of the range of what you can do right now, but

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: roseman@██████████ <roseman@██████████>
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: roseman@██████████ <roseman@██████████>
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] < [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.

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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

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

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@[REDACTED]mailto:KVanhoof@[REDACTED]
 Sent: Thursday, September 20, 2001 5:35 PM
 To: abramoffj@[REDACTED]
 Subject: Re: FW: Directions to CREA Trustee Dinner

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

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 To: KVanhoof@[REDACTED]

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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: 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 Federicci) 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.

GTG-E000105226

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

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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) [/o=██████████ou=WDC/cn=Recipients/cn=abramoffj] 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@██████████]
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. Choctaw will come through with the \$50K some time next month (they are over budget for this fiscal year, which ends at the end of the month). Kickapoo 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-----

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--Italia

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Italia Federici

From: abramoffj@ [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, September 25, 2001 11:54 AM
To: italia@ [REDACTED]
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@ [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, September 24, 2001 12:47 AM
To: italia@ [REDACTED]
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@ [REDACTED]]
Sent: Sunday, September 23, 2001 10:53 PM
To: abramoffj@ [REDACTED]
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@ [REDACTED] [mailto:abramoffj@ [REDACTED]]
Sent: Friday, September 21, 2001 5:07 PM
To: italia@ [REDACTED]
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 over some (was it [REDACTED] and [REDACTED])

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=██████████ou=WDC/cn=Recipients/cn=abramoffj] 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) <vasells@██████████>; Rudy, Tony (Shld-DC-Gov) <rudyt@██████████>; Williams, Michael E. (Dir-DC-Gov) <williamsme@██████████>; 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?

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=abramoffj] 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@ [REDACTED]>
To: Ring, Kevin (Shld-DC-Gov) <ringk@ [REDACTED]>
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@ [REDACTED]>
To: Ring, Kevin (Shld-DC-Gov) <ringk@ [REDACTED]>; Vasell, Shawn (Dir-DC-Gov) <vasellse@ [REDACTED]>; Rudy, Tony (Shld-DC-Gov) <rudyt@ [REDACTED]>; Williams, Michael E. (Dir-DC-Gov) <williamsme@ [REDACTED]>; Boulanger, Todd (Dir-DC-Gov) <boulangerT@ [REDACTED]>
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@ [REDACTED]]
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

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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) [/o= [REDACTED] ou=WDC/cn=Recipients/cn=abramoff] 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

[REDACTED] is in Interior [REDACTED] we'll just have to ram through. 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 shit 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 approps 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 Choctaw [REDACTED]
For Homes in Fossil Energy, etc....

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From: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov) [/o=██████████=WDC/cn=Recipients/cn=abramoffj] 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

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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: Friday, January 18, 2002 9:56 AM
To: Bozniak, Allison R. (AdmAst-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 (AstDir-DC-Gov)
Sent: Friday, January 18, 2002 10:30 AM
To: DCSaginaw
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 Pottawatomi 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.

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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@ [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, January 27, 2002 12:34 PM
To: italia@ [redacted]
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@ [redacted]]
Sent: Sunday, January 27, 2002 11:03 AM
To: abramoffj@ [redacted]
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@ [redacted] [mailto:abramoffj@ [redacted]]
Sent: Saturday, January 26, 2002 8:28 PM
To: italia@ [redacted] Italiacrea@ [redacted]
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) [/o=██████████ou=WDC/cn=Recipients/cn=abramoff] on behalf of Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)
Sent: Thursday, January 31, 2002 5:18 PM
To: Bozniak, Allison R. (AdmAst-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.

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 Dol 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@' [REDACTED]
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: 'cpeiras@██████████'
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

GTG-E000025046

Italia Federici

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

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

From: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov) [/o=██████████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 Jens 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: abramoffj@
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: abramoffj@
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

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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 Pinnacle 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: Italia

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

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@██████████
Sent: Friday, February 22, 2002 11:29 AM
To: italia@██████████
Subject: FW: ██████████

This is the ██████████. 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 ██████████. Please let me know. thanks.

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

Subject: ██████████

Hey - the reason ██████████ 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,

I 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 [REDACTED]]
Sent: Friday, April 05, 2002 9:47 AM
To: abramoffj [REDACTED]
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 chauffer 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 Daschel 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 [REDACTED] [mailto:abramoffj [REDACTED]]
Sent: Friday, April 05, 2002 1:53 AM
To: italia [REDACTED]
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: abramoffj@ [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 09, 2002 5:33 PM
To: italia [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: here is the newspaper ad

Great ad!!!

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

From: Italia Federici [mailto:italia [REDACTED]]
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: abramoffj [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 08, 2002 6:15 PM
To: italia [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: from Italia

Fantastic!!

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

From: Italia Federici [mailto:italia [REDACTED]]
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...

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]]
Sent: Friday, July 05, 2002 2:04 PM
To: abramoffj[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED] [mailto:abramoffj[REDACTED]]
Sent: Thursday, June 27, 2002 1:56 AM
To: laner[REDACTED]
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:laner[REDACTED]]
Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2002 4:41 PM
To: abramoffj[REDACTED]
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 luncheons 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: abramoffj[REDACTED] [mailto:abramoffj[REDACTED]]
Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2002 3:56 PM
To: laner[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]]
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 [REDACTED]]
Sent: Wednesday, July 10, 2002 3:35 PM
To: abramoffj [REDACTED]
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?

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

From: abramoffj [REDACTED] [mailto:abramoffj [REDACTED]]
Sent: Friday, July 05, 2002 7:39 PM
To: laner [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: CREA

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Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2002 4:41 PM
To: abramoffj [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: CREA

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

From: abramoffj [REDACTED] [mailto:abramoffj [REDACTED]]
Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2002 3:56 PM
To: laner [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: CREA

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

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?

From: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov) [/o=██████████=WDC/cn=Recipients/cn=abramoffj] on behalf of Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)
Sent: Wednesday, September 04, 2002 2:08 PM
To: 'Italia 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 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 of its last means of achieving economic independence.

From: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov) [/o=██████████/ou=WDC/cn=Recipients/cn=abramoffj] 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. it would really help. Thanks so much!!!

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Italia Federici

From: abramoffj [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 27, 2002 3:23 PM
To: italia [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: For Italia/Interior - Important

Importance: High

[REDACTED] Bay Mills Memo.doc [REDACTED] Land Settlement Claims for the... [REDACTED] S. 2986.dat

but there is now ANOTHER Michigan casino problem making its way to Steve. I hate to keep bugging you about all of this, 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 Hills and Sault Ste Marie Tribes.doc>> <<S. 2986>> I've attached three documents:

Italia Federici

From: abramoffj [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: abramoffj [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Tigua water issue

I am calling right now

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

From: abramoffj [REDACTED] [mailto:abramoffj [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 (AstDir-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.

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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, 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

From: abramoffj [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: abramoffj [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: abramoffj [REDACTED] [mailto:abramoffj [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: 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 Dewayne 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 \$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= [REDACTED] /ou=WDC/cn=Recipients/cn=abramoffj] 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 [REDACTED]]
Sent: Wednesday, December 04, 2002 10:23 AM
To: abramoffj [REDACTED]
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 [REDACTED] [mailto:abramoffj [REDACTED]]
Sent: Wednesday, December 04, 2002 10:15 AM
To: italia [REDACTED]
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 [REDACTED]]
Sent: Wednesday, December 04, 2002 7:28 AM
To: abramoffj [REDACTED]
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 [REDACTED] [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

From: Italia Federici [italia [REDACTED]]
Sent: Wednesday, December 11, 2002 9:16 AM
To: abramoffj [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: gun lake

Hi Jack:

Can you call me about this on my cell [REDACTED]

--Thanks,
--Italia

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

From: abramoffj [REDACTED] [mailto:abramoffj [REDACTED]]
Sent: Tuesday, December 10, 2002 11:01 PM
To: italia [REDACTED]
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: FW: Gun Lake: New Hope For Gun Lake Casino - Fox News

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

From: Pierce, Brigham (AstDir-DC-Gov/Adm)

700-2101

From: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov) [/o=██████████/ou=WDC/cn=Recipients/cn=abramoffj] 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 (AstDir-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

- > 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 in
- > 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

> message when they approved it with
> a pretty significant amount of votes," Van
> Regenmorter said. "It's going to
> be tough."
> West Michigan legislators have unsuccessfully
> spent the past week attempting
> to block the measure from passing. It was
> introduced in both chambers by
> lame duck legislators term-limited out of
> office.
> The resolution encourages Gov. John Engler to
> negotiate a compact with the
> Match-e-be-nash-she-wish Band of the
> Pottawatomie Indians, also known as the
> Gun Lake Band. The 190,000-square-foot casino
> would be operated by the Gun
> Lake tribe in Hopkins Township.
> Approval of a resolution only requires a
> majority vote from those present
> and voting, not a majority of the chamber. The
> House vote went directly to
> the governor and did not need Senate approval.
> Attorneys for the tribe and Engler have given
> preliminary approval to
> language in the compact.
> The Gun Lake Band was recognized as a sovereign
> Indian nation by the federal
> government in 2000. It's still waiting for the
> federal government to place
> the land for the casino in a trust.
> If Engler doesn't finalize negotiations, it
> will likely go before Gov.-elect
> Jennifer Granholm because it doesn't contain a
> sunset clause, according to
> Van Regenmorter.
> Granholm hasn't taken a stance on the issue. A
> spokeswoman for her
> transition team said that it is one of a number
> of lame duck issues before
> the Legislature and the current administration,
> and that Granholm hasn't
> considered what she will do.
> "The Gun Lake casino will bring more than 4,300
> badly needed jobs, local
> supplier purchases, local and state revenue
> sharing, economic development
> and a proven recreational attraction," tribal
> chief D.K. Sprague said in a
> written statement.
> The tribe expects 2.9 million customers a year
> would visit the casino and
> spend about \$31.2 million in the area, he said.

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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: Friday, December 13, 2002 2:53 PM
To: 'Italia Federici office'
Subject: Michigan Indian gambling expansion we are hoping to stop



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Can you pass this on to Steve directly? Thanks!



A FAX FROM



THE OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN PETE HOEKSTRA SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

To: Todd Boelinger

Fax number: [REDACTED]

Date/Time: 12-13-02

- From:
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Dec-13-02 04:43pm

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December 12, 2002

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 Waukegan 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 between Thanksgiving and Christmas. This proposal is very complex, controversial and vehemently opposed by the surrounding community. Therefore, I request that your office extend the public comment period by an additional 90 days. In doing so, this will ensure that the public, surrounding communities and the newly elected 108th Congress have the appropriate time to comment on the potential impacts of a casino in West Michigan to the Department of Interior.

I think we can agree that the issues related to Indian Gaming are extremely complex and they demand close scrutiny and review by those who will be impacted. After receiving many letters from my constituents questioning the preferred alternative in the Environmental Assessment, and after my own cursory review of the lengthy and complex document, I demand that the Interior Department require an Environmental Impact Statement for this project. I do not believe that your Department should be able to accept an Environmental Assessment that was performed without public input or public meetings. This was clearly a closed and biased process, and too many questions have been left unanswered. I believe our families and all of West Michigan's residents deserve a rigorous review of this project, which threatens to drastically change the landscape and fabric of West Michigan.

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 adequately addressed. Contrary to the Environmental Assessment's arbitrary determination that Allegan County has very good air quality, Allegan County consistently has difficulty maintaining attainment status relative to both the 1-hour and 8-hour National Ambient Air Quality Standards. With the Environmental Protection Agency's intention to move forward with the enforcement of an 8-Hour Ozone Standard, the additional analysis that are necessary to determine the impact of the Preferred Alternative on compliance should be completed. By not taking seriously the proposed casino's



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Dec-13-02 04:44pm From: CONG. PETE HOEKSTRA-WASH DC

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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,



Pete Hoekstra
Member of Congress

CC: Speaker Dennis Hastert
Majority Leader Tom DeLay
Karl Rove, White House

12/13/2002 FRI 15:21 FAX 818 888 8282 CUNG HUUONG QUANG

Casino foes make case to Washington

The Lakeshore Press

► Petition offers a big battle with state
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Opponents seek help in Washington

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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 Griles 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 si to have BIA reject the land in trust - or lay some stipulations on their application that would buy us some time.

Any word from Griles on this?

Michael Scanlon
Scanlon Gould Public Affairs

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
mike [REDACTED]

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Italia Federici

From: Italia Federici [italia [REDACTED]]
Sent: Friday, December 20, 2002 6:08 PM
To: abramoffj [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: GUN LAKE: Rep. Rogers Letter

Thanks

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

From: abramoffj [REDACTED] [mailto:abramoffj [REDACTED]]
Sent: Friday, December 20, 2002 4:42 PM
To: italia [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: GUN LAKE: Rep. Rogers Letter

Here is more for Steve.

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Italia Federici

From: Italia Federici [italia [REDACTED]]
Sent: Friday, December 20, 2002 3:32 PM
To: abramoffj [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: EIS Review

Thanks and good idea.

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

From: abramoffj [REDACTED] [mailto:abramoffj [REDACTED]]
Sent: Friday, December 20, 2002 11:10 AM
To: italia [REDACTED]
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 10:10 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.

<<GUN LAKE -- EIS Review.DOC>>

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Italia Federici

From: Italia Federici [italia [REDACTED]]
Sent: Friday, December 20, 2002 10:19 AM
To: abramoffj [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Gun Lake: Hoekstra: Allegan casino is a bad idea - Holland Sentinel

great!

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

From: abramoffj [mailto:abramoffj [REDACTED]]
Sent: Thursday, December 19, 2002 6:58 PM
To: italia [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Gun Lake: Hoekstra: Allegan casino is a bad idea - Holland Sentinel

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@ [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, January 08, 2003 1:03 PM
To: italia@ [redacted]
Subject: RE: BIA: Sec. Norton Names Martin to Indian Affairs Post - US Newswire

Thanks.

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

From: Italia Federici [mailto:italia@ [redacted]]
Sent: Wednesday, January 08, 2003 12:06 PM
To: abramoffj@ [redacted]
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@ [redacted] [mailto:abramoffj@ [redacted]]
Sent: Wednesday, January 08, 2003 9:22 AM
To: italia@ [redacted]
Subject: FW: BIA: Sec. Norton Names Martin to Indian Affairs Post - US Newswire

IAT?!?! I can't believe they named her

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

From: Pierce, Brigham (AstDir-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
7 Jan 12:05

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

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
Poster'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@ [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, January 06, 2003 2:41 PM
To: italia@ [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Mashpee Indians (Cape Cod Massachusetts area)

Thanks.

-----Original Message-----
From: Italia Federici [mailto:italia@ [REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, January 06, 2003 2:06 PM
To: abramoffj@ [REDACTED]
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@ [REDACTED] [mailto:abramoffj@ [REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, January 06, 2003 12:20 PM
To: italia@ [REDACTED]
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 interior'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.

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 reiumbrusement, 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 (...)
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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.

We have 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: abramoffj [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 06, 2003 4:21 PM
To: italia [REDACTED]
Subject: Jena emergency

[REDACTED] just returned from Interior where he was told by the BIA (Aurene Martin and Mike Rosetti 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 game on was historical [REDACTED] (our client [REDACTED]) land!!!! Please call me as soon as you can.

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Italia Federici

From: abramoffj [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, February 04, 2003 10:48 AM
To: italia [REDACTED]
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

From: abramoffj [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

From: abramoffj [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.
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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, 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

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 Griles about our cost share problem...it's going to be discussed at tomorrows internal meeting.

—Original Message—

From: Chris [mailto:cpetras@redacted]
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

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.

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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IF
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 [REDACTED] lution. [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=abramoffj] 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 cannot 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.

<<Mashpee Fed Appeal Tlk Pts.doc>> <<Mashpee Wampanoag Indian Tribe
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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 [REDACTED] [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

(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: 'Italia Federici'
Cc: Abramoff, Jack (Dir-DC-Gov)
Subject: FW: school cost-share
Importance: High

Italia, 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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(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@bprc.dhs.gov]
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2003 2:19 PM

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To: Boulanger, 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];
miga@ [REDACTED]; jmccoy@ [REDACTED];
lcorne13@ [REDACTED]; rthomas@ [REDACTED]; Roland Johnson
(Roland Johnson); tburris@ [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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Italia Federici

From: abramoffj@ [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, April 11, 2003 12:24 PM
To: italia@ [REDACTED]
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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Italia Federici

From: abramoffj@ [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 10, 2003 5:28 PM
To: boulangerT@ [REDACTED]; italia@ [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Letter from Interior to Camp Italiacrea@ [REDACTED]

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 [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] has been received in addressed.

I sure you will find this interesting.

--Todd

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Italia Federici

From: abramoffj@[REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 28, 2003 12:09 PM
To: italia@[REDACTED]
Subject: RE: FYI - from the Detroit news...

Are you around on cell to chat? We were 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@[REDACTED]]
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 [REDACTED] 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 sit 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: abramoffj@[REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 01, 2003 2:07 PM
To: italia@[REDACTED]
Subject: just heard from [REDACTED]

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: abramoffj@[REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 01, 2003 1:02 PM
To: italia@[REDACTED]
Subject: Letter from BIA to Breaux



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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@gtlaw.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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From: abramoffj@ [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 12, 2003 11:28 PM
To: italia@ [REDACTED]
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@ [REDACTED]]
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: abramoffj@[REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, June 08, 2003 1:09 PM
To: italia@[REDACTED]
Subject: FW: [REDACTED] 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: abramoffj@[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. 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 (Larry 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=██████████/ou=WDC/cn=Recipients/cn=abramoffj] 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 chaimen 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@██████████
Sent: Friday, September 05, 2003 3:20 PM
To: italia@██████████
Subject: are you in town?

Italia Federici

From: abramoffj@██████████
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2003 3:35 PM
To: italia@██████████
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@██████████
Sent: Sunday, August 17, 2003 1:51 PM
To: italia@██████████
Subject: FW: Saginaw Cost Share

Any updates on this one?

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

From: Italia Federici [mailto:italia@██████████]
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@██████████ [mailto:abramoffj@██████████]
Sent: Thursday, July 31, 2003 5:35 PM
To: italia@██████████
Subject: Saginaw Cost Share



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President

Jack -

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